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# Hole in ozone threatens UK

Worst damage ever is recorded this week

NICHOLAS SCHOON

The ozone layer over Britain has suffered the worst damage ever recorded, due to a combination of pollution and intense cold at high altitude.

The measurements, at Ler-wick in Shetland and Camborne in Cornwall, surprised and alarmed scientists. They had forecast that the ozone should be on the verge of starting a re-covery after decades of deterioration, thanks to international treaties curbing emissions of the industrial gases and solvents which destroy it.

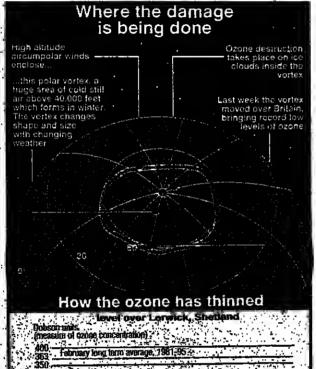
The ozone layer absorbs much of the harmful ultraviolet B radiation in the suns rays. High levels of these UVB rays can cause skin cancer and cataracts in humans, and can affect the environment, including crops, wild plants and

sea plankton. On Tuesday the Met Office ozone recording station at Ler-wick, one of only two in the country, recorded 195 Dobson Units - a measure of the total quantity of ozone in the atmosphere immediately above. It was the first time there had been a reading below 200 in Britain. The same low levels were recorded as far away as Cornwall, where the income was 206 Dobson Units. That was the lowest level recorded there since it was set up 17 years ago.

At Lerwick, this ret readings have, overall, been well below the month's long term average - hut they have been especially low in the past 10 days, reaching a peak with Tuesday's record.

Dr Joe Farman, the British Antarctic Survey scientist who first discovered the ozone hole over the South Pole, said: "This is certainly significant, and shows the problems haven't

We've warned that things tion there fluctuates with chang-



would get worse before they. start to get better, but it's impossible to make any precise

high altitude, the ozone loss could well accelerate." Ozone is a gas found at very low concentrations in air. It absorbs UVB in the stratosphere . - the upper atmosphere above 35,000 feet - and its concentra-

ing weather patterns and season. But there has been a gradual, global decline in this high level ozone for several decades, predictions. With the very cold thanks to the rapidly growing winters we have been getting at. use of chemicals containing chlorine and bromine used in

> (chlorofluorocarbons) and other compounds escape slowly into the stratosphere. The first severe and rapid

refrigeration, air conditioning and dry cleaning. These CFCs

ed above the Antarctic in the mid-1980s. Each Spring in the southern hemisphere an "ozone hole" opens up there - a con-tment-sized patch of stratos-phere in which half or more of the ozone has been lost.

This is caused by a complex cycle of chemical reactions, driven by sunlight, which take place on the surface of high alitude ice clouds.

Scientists have been debating whether similar ozone holes could open up over the Arctic, covering populated regions in northern Europe, Russia, Alaska and Canada.

They have monitored substantial ozone losses in recent northern hemisphere Springs. Last year's was among the worst

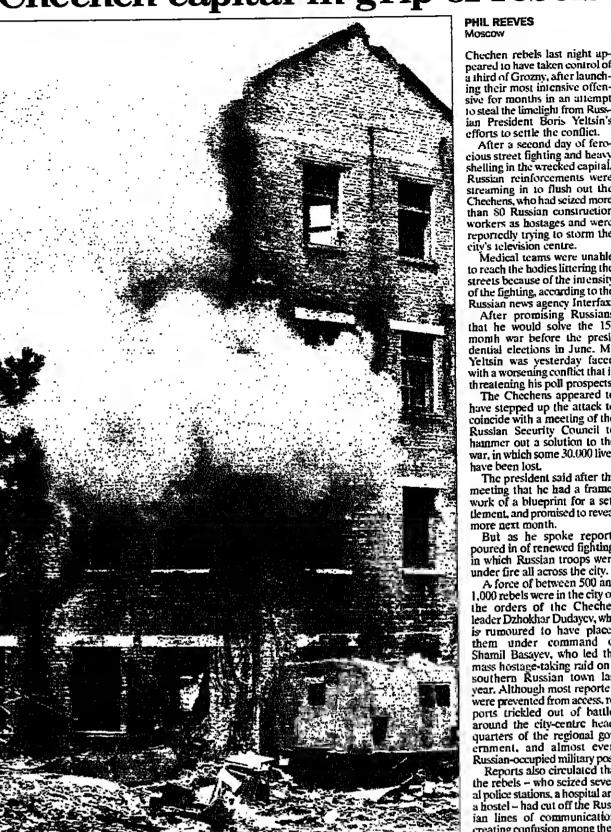
Dr Farman said the ozone de-struction taking place this Spring over the northern hemisphere could be worse still. We have to get it through to the politicians that we have not yet cleaned up this stuff,"

Man-made global warming. caused by a build-up of heat trapping gases, appears to be excerbating the ozone loss. While temperatures rise in the ower atmosphere, those in the stratosphere drop. This makes sustained ozone destruction more likely, because it helps the formation of the high level ice clouds and allows them to exist for longer.

Since 1987, a series of international negotiations have imposed tighter controls on the production of ozone-destroying chemicals.

The latest agreement, under this Montreal Protocol treaty, took place in Vienna last December. But environmental organisations like Greenpeace and atmospheric scientists like Dr Farman say the rate of progress is still too slow.

# Chechen capital in grip of rebels



Spoils of war: Homes in Grozny smoulder after a fierce bombardment during yesterday's

criticism only to have to retract

Chechen rebels last night upcared to have taken control of a third of Grozny, after launch-

sive for months in an attempt to steal the limelight from Russian President Boris Yeltsin's efforts to settle the conflict. After a second day of ferocious street fighting and heavy shelling in the wrecked capital. Russian reinforcements were streaming in to flush out the Chechens, who had seized more

than 80 Russian construction workers as hostages and were reportedly trying to storm the city's relevision centre. Medical teams were unable to reach the hodies littering the streets because of the intensity

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of the fighting, according to the Russian news agency Interfax. After promising Russians that he would solve the 15month war before the presidential elections in June. Mr Yeltsin was yesterday faced with a worsening conflict that is

threatening his poll prospects. The Chechens appeared to have stepped up the attack to coincide with a meeting of the Russian Security Council to hammer out a solution to the war, in which some 30,000 lives have been lost.

The president said after the meeting that he had a frame-work of a blueprint for a settlement, and promised to reveal more next month.

But as he spoke reports oured in of renewed fighting. in which Russian troops were under fire all across the city.

A force of between 500 and 1,000 rebels were in the city on the orders of the Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, who is rumoured to have placed them under command of Shamil Basayev, who led the mass hostage-taking raid on a southern Russian town last year. Although most reporters ports trickled out of battles around the city-centre headquarters of the regional government, and almost every Russian-occupied military post.

Reports also circulated that the rehels - who seized several police stations, a hospital and a hostel - had cut off the Russian lines of communication, creating confusion among their

Thorn in Yeltsin's side, page 13

# Fury over secret plan to scrap job rights

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Michael Heseltine was at the centre of a political row last night after a leaked letter revealed secret plans by the Government to scrap the unfair dismissal rights of millions of workers in small firms.

The proposal by Mr Hesel-time, the Deputy Prime Minister, suffered a humiliating setback yesterday after the leak forced John Major to scrap an announcement planned for next Monday. But it was clear that the

Government would seek to remove the industrial tribunal rights of up to 10 million workers, if it could do so without falling foul of other laws.

Mr Major's intervention at Prime Minister's Questions followed the leak of a letter from Ian Lang, President of the an announcement was sched-Board of Trade, warning Mr uled to be part of a package of



Michael Heseltine: His idea suffered humiliating setback

Heseltine of his "grave doubts" about going public with the "immensely controversial" suggestion without taking legal

advice. The letter, passed to the Liberal Democrats, disclosed that on Monday.

Between 9 and 10 million workers could be affected by the proposal, originating from Mr Heseltine's Deregulation Unit. with a suggested saving of £200m in the costs of unfair dismissal and other employment claims in industrial tribunals. Mr Lang's suggestion in the

letter that legal advice should be taken from the Government's law officers stems from fears within the Department of Trade and Industry that sweeping away the rights of workers in small firms could fall foul of European law on sex discrimination, equal pay and pensions, maternity, health and safety and disability.

There was little sign yesterday, however, that ministers had any intention of dropping the plans altogether. Tony Blair, the Labour

measures on cutting red tape for leader, appeared to conclude afsmall businesses at a conference ter Commons exchanges with Mr Major that the proposal had been "dropped". But Mr Major confined his reply to the Monday announcement and emphasised: "There can be no employment rights if there is no employment. What we are seeking to do is to maintain a fair balance between the rights of employees and the burdens on employers. We are therefore

proposing to reduce or remove unnecessary burdens." The leaked letter indicated a determination on the part of Mr Heseltine to press ahead, dcspite potential legal risks.

Mr Lang said: "I . . . fully appreciate the desirability of being able to make positive statements at the conference on 11 March. I have to say, however, that I have grave doubts about the wisdom of making any announcement about this particular issue until we have



lan Lang: Warned of 'grave

received the law officers' advice on what might be legally

"Any suggestion that emovees in smaller firms were to denied employment rights would, of course, be immensely controversial and it might

and loud condemnation from the opposition parties and the TUC. Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education and employment spokesman, said: The letter reveals a shabby attempt at deregulation to save £200m. It also reveals that Michael Heseltine is trying to call the tune of many different Government departments." David Blunkett, the shadow

Secretary of State for Education and Employment, said the proposal was the "thin end of the wedge" and the first step towards denying protection to all employees. "We need positive ways to enable small firms to develop. That should include a partnership approach between employers and employees, so that far more cases are re-solved through conciliation well hefore the tribunal stage."

#### IN BRIEF

Oil spill report The pilot and captain of the Sea Empress failed to discuss a plan of action to take the tanker into Milford Haven before she ran aground, according to an in-

Page 3 lished yesterday. Single currency

A promise that a Tory government would only enter a single currency following a referendum is now in prospect within weeks. Page 2

terim report on the oil spill pub-

Today's weather Cloudy, cold-and windy with rainy spells. Section Two, page 33 liffe, director of vocations at the Advisory Board for Ministry, the section BUSINESS 18-23 COMMENT 16, 17 CROSSWORD 28 GAZETTE 14

# Vicars blessed with personality tests

an outstandingly holy Arch-

bishop of Canterbury despite

what was regarded by his col-

leagues as a legendary social in-competence. Chris Brain, the

leader of the Nine-O'Clock

passed all the hoops of the An-

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

If you can choose shapes which fit logether with each other and arrange four sentences in a logically compelling order, then you could become Archbishop of Canterbury. From next year the 700 prospective candidates for the Anglican priesthood will have to undergo psychological tests as part of

their formal interview. The Rev Christopher Cunliffe, director of vocations at the

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central Church department responsible for the selection and recruitment of priests, said: "The new tests are meant to give a more accurate assessment of a person's capacity for training. They might advantage those who don't present particularly well at the moment. You may have a candidate who talks very fluently and presents well but is not right; or you might be

good at thinking at depth but not good verbally." The classic example of the second type would be Dr

would be an example of someone the new tests might help to missing candidates who are exclude, Dr Cunliffe said. The new tests, which will be

regarded as a mixed blessing by many, will be added to the present selection process. This de-

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Michael Ramsay, who became rives from that used by the army feeling for the traditional role of the Church of England as to select its officers. Psychological testing is al-

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ready used by the Roman Their model of a congregation Catholic Church to screen its candidates for the ministry; hut theirs places a greater empha-Service cult in Sheffield, who sis on psychological stability under the strains of celibacy and glican selection procedure. loneliness, which are not expected to afflict Anglican candidates to the same extent.

The problem which confronts many Anglican dioceses is thal many of their prospective priests come from a narrow hackground, and have little something open to everyone. is of a self-conscious group clearly distinguished from the rest of society; while this may be the fate of the Church of England, it is one which the authorities are anxious to avoid.



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court victory

The England soccer coach for ry Venables claimed victory in a High Count battle with a for-

mer business partner yesterday despite being awarded only half his costs of £125,000. Mr Ven

ables won nearly £50,000 in damages over a failed pube venture bin his claim for more

than £144,359 was rejented.

Paul Kirby, must pay £36,089 with £12,973 interest and around £100,000 of Mr Ven-

from today will require visas.

The Home Office said the num-

ber of asylum claims from

Kenya had increased dramati-

cally over the last six months and

the new rule was needed to cut down on applications by bogus asylum seekers.

al I iberation Army fear for the safety of a man missing since Monday. James Halligan, 25,

was last seen with fellow Belfast

man John Fennell, 41, who was

found battered to death on

Tuesday in the seaside town of

Real Love, the new Beaties single in the charts at No4, has failed to make the BBC Radio

One playlist. A spokesman said

it had insufficient merit. Last

week the veteran rock band Sta-

tus Quo said they would sue the

station for deliberately refusing

A man died after a collision be-

tween two inflatable boats near

the Royal Navy's Coulport de-pot on the Clyde, James Wilkie, 55, from Greenock, was one of

two men thrown into the water

in the crash and rescued by

launch. He was dead on arrival

at the Vale of Leven Hospital

Missing girl plea

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# Major pledges EU money referendum

DONALD MACINTYRE AND **COLIN BROWN** 

A promise that a Tory government would only enter a single currency following a referendum is now in prospect within

This emerged vesterday after John Major ordered the Cabi-net to finally resolve a split over a referendum, to defuse a new

spate of Euro-sceptic unrest. Mr Major revealed in the Commons yesterday that ministers were "considering the circumstances in which a referendum may he appropriate." ernment decided to avoid a full

JASON BENNETTO

Crime Correspondent

A national survey into stalking

is to be carried out after police

chiefs concluded yesterday that

the present law against people who harass and intimidate their

victims is inadequate. The move

follows a series of high-profile court cases involving stalkers

and amid growing concern that

the existing legislation fails to

protect women adequately. Senior police officers decid-

ed yesterday to set up an inquiry

into the issue and consider

drawing up new anti-stalking

laws. Victim support groups

will be included in the survey.

which is expected to include

every police force in England

crime, so statistics are extremely

hard to obtain. Victim support

and women's groups helieve it

A lifted lover was warned ves-

terday he faces a substantial jail

term for an obsessive terror

campaign against his teenage ex-gulfriend and finally setting

Gemma Jones, 18, a maga-

zine sales executive, and her

family became victims of An-

thony King's reychological stalk-ing - fuelled by his fury after she

ditched him following a two-

year relationship. Both her

mother and father have since suffered breakdowns, an Old

Bailey court was told. The 25-year-old former DJ

bombarded Miss Jones with

phone calls, vandalised her

lather's BMW, sprayed graffiti

over their porch and posted pornographic photographs of

her at a railway station and on

a tree. He claimed her parents

fire to her parents home.

At present stalking is not a

and Wales.

dress vote on next week's White Paper on the Inter-Governmental Conference on the future of the European Union.

Instead business managers are resorting, for the first time since 1979, to ordering a light. one-line whip, to avoid the embarrassment of being defeated on a full turn-out. Senior Conservative MPs last

ment would defuse Tory backbench unrest with a commitment before Easter to a referendum on the single currency. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, however, has been holding out against any commitment to a referendum. Mr Maior

new anti-stalking laws Michael

Howard, the Home Secretary.

almost certain to comply

Labour is already urging the

Government, which says the is-

sue is under review, to take ac-

The frustration caused by

the present law was revealed on

Tuesday when a magistrate

complained he was unable to

convict a defendant who had

stalked 24-year-old woman for

more than two years becauseno

Yesterday's decision for an in-

quiry was made at the Associ-

ation of Chief Police Officers'

crime committee. Assistant

Chief Constable Maria Wallis of

Sussex Police will head the

stalking study. A spokesman said: "The Acpo crime com-

mittee is aware of concern

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King: Campaign of terror

were colour prejudiced, which

they denied. He told police he

wanted "to have a pop" at

them before going to Australia,

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Under existing law stalkers

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has not yet won him over, but was said to be preparing further Cabinet pressure to overcome his opposition. Mr Clarke has the strong backing of Michael

Up to now Michael Portillo,

the Euro-sceptic Defence Secretary, has also been against a promise to hold a referendum. on the grounds that it might encourage the idea that a future Cabinet will decide in favour of a single currency. But he is thought likely to bow to pressure to fall into line.

There are also ministerial expectations that Mr Clarke will not exercise a "veto", by threal-ening to resign. "Ken will respect Cabinet collective re-

sponsibility." a colleague said. In a move which Tory MPs believed was stage-managed. Mr Major faced a call hy Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs. for a referendum at Prime Minister's Questions.

Mr Major said: "I have made it clear to the House on previ-ous occasions that I believe a referendum on joining a single currency could be a necessary

Recent opinion polls have shown a two-to-one majority against a single currency. The most recent, an NOP poll for the Sunday Times in December, showed 60 per cent opposed to monetary union, 24 per cent in favour, and 17 per cent undecided. That could change, how-ever, if the Cahinet, backed by Opposition leaders, recom-

mended a single currency. A senior Cabinet source said no decision had been reached as yet, but ministers believe Mr. Major, who saw Mr Clarke privately on Wednesday, is trying to win over the Chancellor in

step. My position hasn't order to be able to give a clear commitment to a referendum.

The Chancellor, however, was sticking to the Government's old formula that a referendum would be considered only if and when the Government proposed joining a single

"I am not a federalist. I be lieve in a unit of nation states. Let's decide whether ... to go in or not when we see what the animal looks like," he said.

Mr Clarke steadfastly declined to endorse Euro-sceptic demands for a referendum. "Let's bring that judgment to the single currency if and when it happens," he said.

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Lawyers for Mr Kirby, on Free
councillor, claimed the costs ruling meant Mr Venables would
still be out of pocket. Kenya visa rule: Kenyans travelling to Britain

# Howard hits back at

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

leapt to the defence of hi

John Major told the Commons the Government's aim dangerous criminals"...

He was forced to his feet in

In particular he told Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, that his plans for mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists and violent offenders and stiff penalties for persistent bur-glars and drug dealers, would do nothing to deter crime.

Wednesday had sought to diffuse the situation by remaining silent, admitted there were "differences" between himself and

was to "protect the public from

the Commons following accusations from Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, and Britain most senior judge, that the government was unleashing a for-rent of hasty and flawed legislation, which was in danger of undermining public confidence in the system.

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undertaken outside an agreed

protected site. More systemat-

ically, the report finds that while Railtrack is dependent on

technical audits to monitor the

performance of contractors,

we found little evidence of

technical auditing taking place".
Mr Coleman conceded that

Railtrack had made many im-provements and he took com-

fort from the fact that the company was addressing many

problems found in the report. Safety standards on the railways

had not deteriorated since the

creation of Railtrack, he added.

"Rail remains by far the safest mode of land transport

and there is nothing in this report that undermines that

view," he said. But he warned

that Railtrack should respond

"in great detail" to the report.
"I don't want to see things slip any more."

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Mr. Howard, who on

for these serious offenders to continue to be released without any assessment being made of their risk to the public, even if everybody knows that there is a risk that they will go out and commit a third rape or a third

# **Taylor**

The Prime Minister yesterda Home Secretary who is facing an unprecedented attack from the country's leading judges over his criminal justice pro-

Lord Taylor.

He said: "Lord Taylor apparently believes it is acceptable

He told the BBC: "I'm sure he doesn't want those people to be released but that is what actually happens now: 90 per cent of those people are re-leased even if everybody knows they are still a risk to the pub-lic. I want to remedy that."

# The mother of 16-year-old Kali

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Wilson (above), the schoolgirl missing for six days, appealed for her to return home. Kali described as naive and sheltered, was last seen on Saturday at a bus-stop in the centre of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, after going to meet a friend and buy a hus pass with only £2 inher pocket.

Part of the Union \*

The Mothers' Union, whose motto is 'helping those who find themselves in adversity', has set up a new branch in the winnen's annexe at Winchester Prison. Hampshire. Immates requested the branch and have signed up for prayers, hymns, Bible reading classes and knitting baby clothes.

Virgin job hope

The wife of disgraced bank trader Nick Leeson has ap-plied to Richard Branson's Virgin airlines for a job as an air hostess. Lisa Leeson hopes the job will qualify her for staff dis-counts on flights to visit her hus-band, who was jailed in Singapore last year for his part in the multi-million collapse of Barings Bank.

Some like it cheap

The pink and white bustier worn by screen legendMarilyn Mouroe when she stepped of a bus in the classic comedy movie Some Like It Hot was sold for a lower than expected £2,645 in an auction at Bonham's in London. The auctioneers had predicted it would fetch a price of up to £6,000:

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Caroline Rye, a researcher at Dundee University, with an image that she says proves the Turin shroud was faked with a huge pin-hole camera. Using her own giant camera, she has produced similar images to that on the shroud believed

by many to carry an outline of the body of Christ. The 14ft x 4ft linen shroud has been in Turin Cathedral for 400 years but the dispute over its authenticity dates back to the 14th century when

indicated that the shroud dates from around 1350 Today, Ms Rye intends to explain the mystery. She will stand inside her giant camera for four hours under bright lights. A tiny aperture leads to a second darkened chamber where a frame

of fabric is mounted to receive her image. "I believe that the Turin shroud was made hy this method, our results are strikingly similar. said Ms Rye, 28. "I hope I won't offend anyone

#### the faking of religious relies was rife. Tests in 1988 I certainly don't intend to be sacrilegious." Railtrack warned over safety

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Railtrack was yesterday warned that severe weaknesses and poor management in its safety systems meant a greater risk of accidents, in a highly critical report by the Health and Safe-

The HSE, which oversees safety on the railways, said that some of the weaknesses in Railtrack's systems "cause concern" and that in the future, they could make rail travel less safe than at present.

The report is the result of the most extensive inquiry ever carried out by the HSE into railhours of work by inspectors, and after a series of leaks this summer into problems over Railtrack's relationship with its

White British Rail - from which Railtrack was split off in April 1994 - used to carry out pair work itself. Railtrack uses a contractor system and there

DAVID MCKITTRICK

Ireland Correspondent

Recent hardline statements

from the IRA on its readiness

to wage another 25 years of war

do not represent the organisa-

tion's definitive response to

the setting of a date for all-

party talks, according to

But although that response

remains to be delivered, recent

comments mean that optimism

epublican sources.

Privatisation - A far from smooth journey September 1994: Commuter train detailed near Bick

ley south-east London. Railtrack blamed the driver ■ September 1994: 18 passengers trapped when a two coach diese! Sprinter deralled in West Midlands. ■ October 1994: Five killed in head on collision nears Cowden, Kent Train driver went through red light.

March 1995: Rail Regulator forced to backtrack on plans to cut number of stations offering through ticketing

August 1995: A Railtrack safety managerwarned that abother "Clapham disaster" was imminent. ■ September 1995: Train crash at Walthamstow, Inquiry found staff had failed to ensure signals were working.

■ December 1995: Train derailed at Primrose Hill, Long

don. HSE ordered improvement of track outside Euston.

it is due to be privatised in May. Only last week, the HSE took the unprecedented step of ordering Railtrack to improve the condition of the track outside Euston station in London, after a derailment last December, highlighted a long-term problem over lack of maintenance on this section of track.

The warnings that the IRA is

ready for prolonged conflict, to-

gether with its now repeated as-

senions that there will be no

decommissioning of weapons,

has reduced hopes of early

An IRA spokesman, quoted

in the latest edition of Repub-

lican News, said: "We see the ne-

cessity for armed struggle

because, given current political

is growing concern that this has proved less safe than the old integrated BR system.

Yesterday. Vic Coleman, HSE's deputy chief inspecting officer for railways, who led the inquiry team, said: "We have management system

found a management system which does have a number of weaknesses and we believe that those weaknesses need attending to. The report cites a series of in-

cidents in which management failures have led to safety defects. In one case, a signal was missing after work on the track

## laid down safety procedures. This we will do. IRA threat 'not a definitive response'

a viable process." An increasingly frequent theme of republican pronouncements has been more open criticism of the Irish Taoiseach, John Bruton, alongside more familiar allegations of

a lasting peace on the basis of

British bad faith and duplicity. Republicans envisaged the peace process as drawing momentum from a potentially powerful coalition of Irish na-

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essary dynomic to move us all tionalist interests, headed by the away from conflict and towards. Irish government and including Irish government and including Sinn Fein, the SDLP, and Irish-Americans. The charge against Mr Bruton is that he would not take part in such a grouping. Sinn Fein had indicated that

setting a date for all-party talks would make a renewed IRA ceasefire more likely, but their disillusionment with both Mr Bruton and Mr Major suggests the IRA is highly sceptical that it can do business while the two

the prospects for conditions, there is not the nec-

# "I'm tickled pink" INCLUDING: BEST FILM

AND AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Fraud

inquiry

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Scotland Yard is investigating al-

legations of fraud involving a

substantial sum" of money belonging to the Prison Officers' Association.

The Fraud Squad investiga-

tion, which began last March,

was revealed yesterday as the

POA held a special conference

penses irregularities and poor

Scotland Yard said inquiries

were ongoing but that there had been no arrests at this stage.

A spokeswoman for the POA, which had hired auditors

to carry out its own investigation, said the association had "not been aware" it was being

investigated by the police, Its in-

vestigations are believed to

centre on the size of travel and

entertainment bills and the

over-use of union credit cards.

the exact amount of money in-

volved, but that it was "not lele-

John Bartell, former chair-

man of the POA, confirmed yes-terday that he had been sent a

50-page questionnaire by the

union about expenses going

back over the past three years. Mr Bartell, who retired on

health grounds last July, main-

tained that no allegations had been made against him and he

was confident that the union's

accounts had been properly

audited during his chairman-

ship. He attacked the confer-

tending the conference, which

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The pilot and captain of the Sea Empress failed to discuss a plan of action to take the tanker into Milford Haven before she ran aground, according to an interim report on the oil spill,

had no time to formulate a plan as the tide fell, the report says no route was agreed between the two men, even though there

were no language problems.
Within days of the 147,000tonne tanker spilling 70,000 vessel was farther east than he tonnes of oil off the Welsh had expected and ordering a coast, questions were being asked about the apparent failure to draw up a plan. The De-partment of Transport said last might that there was no legal requirement for one.

However, last month, Captain Mark Andrews, the harbour master, said pilots normally boarded in good time to discuss a plan of action with the master, in this case, the Russian cap-

tain, Eduard Bolgov. He said: "It wouldn't be normai practice to put the pilot on so late. The difficulty can be when it takes time getting the pilot on board."

The report, by the DoT's Marine Accident Investigation Branch, shows that the ship, its crew and documentation were all in order before it ran aground on February 15. It also shows that the pilot did not board the vessel as late as port officials suggested - 7.53pm - or as early as claimed by the tanker's managers, Acomarit - . 7.38pm. The MAIB said the unnamed pilot boarded at

It does not say, however, whether this was early enough to beat a retreating tide that would have reached its lowest missed, it would have been an- swered," he said

other eight hours before the Sea Empress could approach the harbour, Britain's biggest oil terminal.

The report said the pilot or-dered "full ahead" at 7.44pm. It also said that published tidal information showed there would be an east-south-east tidal stream - towards the coast philished yesterday.

In a finding which confirms
an Independent report last
month that the pilot may have

would be an east-south-east
tidal stream—towards the coast
— at 8pm. By this time, the pilot had ordered progressive
changes to port [away from the changes to port [away from the coast to resist the tidal stream]" and the vessel was one mile from the entrance to the West Channel,

The report then paints a picture of the pilot realising the five-degree turn to port. At 8.07pm, as the ship came along-side the Mid Channel Rock Light House, a "shuddering vibration" began. The pilot called out the waiting harbour tugs and the vessel eventually came to rest three-tenths of a mile from the Mill Buoy.
Last night, Labour repeated

calls for an independent inquiry into the disaster. The shadow Secretary of State for Transport, Clare Short, said: "The most important question to be answered concerns the direction of the salvage operation. Ministers must accept their overall executive responsibility.

"An accident was turned into a disaster. We are still concerned that this inquiry will not be adequate to draw out the real responsibility for the disaster. There must be a truly independent inquiry."

Nick Ainger, the Labour MP for Pembroke, repeated the calls for an inquiry. He has consistently argued that there were too few salvage tugs available to prevent the Sea Empress for repeatedly smashing against the rocks. 'A key issue is what was done by the authorities after the vessel ran aground and those depth at 9.30pm. If that were questions have not yet been an-



Housewifely, reassuring, dowdy. Determinedly untrend: Reminiscent of your best friend's mum at school

DELLA

Best known book Delia Smith's Winter Collection heavily discounted over Christmas, it became a runaway bestseller. Every dinner party has one

Most unlikely recipe Four-nut chocolate brownies? Delia is not one for trendy combinations

TV style Dogged and slightly breathless; not a natural, hence the awiward pauses and the air of general discomfort

Deeply practical, relentlessly optimistic, evokes joints sazing in the oven, puddings steaming memly on the stove, bread baking cheenly. and so on Payourite recipe Roast duck with sour cherry sauce

while washing up in a restaurant! crepes suzettes — blame her for bringing them back into fashion Favourite words "Absolutely", "superb", "pop", "practical", "pretty", "no fuss",

Most Elely to say Least likely to say

Spiky feminist who spends a lot at the hairdresser, good line in Bet Lynch earnings, may have been a punk when about 15

Pasta notes ... how the two cooks compare in the helpings of words and food

Eat Your Greens: just as Delia spends a lot of time on the nice EBC. Sophie's natural home is Channel 4 where she presented Eat Your Greens and Grow Your Greens and, most recently, Sophie's Meat

Esfina, en-Aloo (spinach with prunes)

Intense and enthusiastic, hoovers up her offennes, happily tears carcasses from limb to limb and gets down to it

Emphasis on saving money; businesslike; happy to warn you if a particular dish lartichokes, for example) will make you fant

Swiss chard with olives au gratin

"Earthy": "substantial", "olive oil", "whitz": "tricksy", "ap", "doddle"

But they're really good for you!

But I don't like carrots

# Sweet and sour authors on book shelf

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Question: When does TV cookery become art? Answer: When it is the work of Delia Smith, according to the Times Literary Supplement.

The edict is issued in this week's edition, with the centre pages devoted to a deconstruction of modern cookery writing by Eric Griffiths, a fellow of Trinity College, Cam-bridge. But while the don compares the motherly writing of Delia Smith's Winter Collection to the Queen, he dismisses Sophie Grigson, author and

REBECCA FOWLER

property.

Five of the learned societies

of Britain are fighting to retain

their historic homes in Burl-

ington House, London, amid a legal dispute with the Govern-

presenter of Sophie's Meat Course, as a "younger Royal". similar to the Duchess of York. "Delia and her cooking tran-

scend sensuous immediacy as do marble goddesses." Dr Griffiths writes in an analysis which will shock those who thought ber recipes fairly straightforward. "Poised like a dancer on

point above a melody which she commands. Delia Smith's favourite verb is 'pop': 'just pop it in the oven'. Her world is non-stick, hiddable . . . She measuredly 'places' and 'puts' things - in a bowl, over heat."

Delia's work "expresses itself best in her over-arching and

Astronomical Society, the Roy-

al Society of Chemistry, the So-

ciety of Antiquaries and the Linnean Society, have been en-

sconced at the colonnaded huilding in the heart of Pic-

They were moved there from

point-instant grasp of time", the English literature lecturer says. \*Demonstrating her recipe for Hung Shao Pork, she says 'and then' 17 times in the few minutes she needs to show us how ... She continues to Sophie, daughter of the cook-mark time, like a piano teacher, ery writer. Jane Grigson, is

quite as firmly in her books. "Her recipes do not just hegin, they tell you they are at the beginning: Begin by cutting the pumpkin in half. She stays with you all the way, ticking off the instructions - First of all ... When ... Now ... Next ... Then ... Next ... Now ...

Then . . . Now . . . ' until we arrive together at a 'Finally'

Learned societies fight to keep historic homes

The Geological Society, the Somerset House to make room decided individual departments

for the Inland Revenue, and it

was offered to them as a base

by the then prime minister. Lord Palmerston, who said they

would be provided with ac-

commodation "mainly for the

advantage of the country."

Stuffed Aubergines). No other cookery writer so resembles a guardian angel, beating its wings over you at every step." By contrast, the more radical

roasted for her hurried style, "fuzzed" geography and "poor" knowledge of history. 'According to Sophic's Meat

Course, what you do is 'throw them [chops] under the grill with nothing more than a light brushing of olive oil or throw together yoghurt and mint sauce or, thanking God, realise that 'it tastes even better when

should pay for their upkeep,

rather than rely on a central

funding system, no one would take responsibility for the soci-

eties. The sixth learned society,

the Royal Academy, is protect-

But when the Government means it can stay indefinitely.

Ifrom the recipe for Italian a few mushrooms are thrown in', Mr Griffiths observes. "As befits a younger royal, Sophie Grigson makes confessions aplenty. She gets things off her chest: 'to be honest. I'm not a great gravy fan , 'to be honest. I prefer to bake them slowly in the oven'.

But it is her attitude which really lets her down. Dr Griffiths concludes. "You might find a dish needed only to be 'zipped' into the oven shortly before supper'. This is Duchess of York stuff ('pongy', 'doddle', 'whizzo') in contrast to the regal selfcontrol, the dowdy reticence, of Delia Smith.

Richard Bateman, chairman

of the joint committee of the learned societies, said: "We've

taken legal advice, and the Government has taken legal ad-

vice, and there are some dif-

satisfactorily."

ence as a "kangaroo court" and said he feared delegates at the London conference would be dispensing "mob justice" without knowing the full facts. Three hundred delegates representing the union's 29,000 memhers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are at-

The union's recently appointed national chairman, John Boddington, who does not face any allegations of impropriety himself, yesterday conceded that the mood of his members was one of "anger and frustration", andsaid that he had called the conference to reassure members. "The financial the Royal Academy, is protected by a 999-year lease, which but we hope it can be resolved have put the house in order," he

# Sleaze charge at for politicians

**LOUISE JURY** 

It is renowned as the training ground of politicians, a forum whose despatch boxes mimic Westminster. But the Oxford Union is now echoing the House of Commons in another way - allegations of sleaze. In a rare move, Jonathan

Wolf, 21, this term's president of the debating society has been disqualified from office for misusing his position. Last night, two days before the end of term, when he should have been hosting Cabinet minis-ters Peter Lilley and William Waldegrave for his farewell debate, he was sidelined. His place in the president's chair was taken by Paul Kenward, who was due to take up the post next

The allegations may not be cash-for-questions, but claims that Mr Wolf a physics student at Corpus Christi college, catupaigned for one of the rivals to succeed him - against Union rules - have caused fierce fac-

tional fighting.

A tribunal hearing of two former union presidents, one now a QC, and a former election returning officer, sat late into the night on Tuesday to listen to the accusations made by student Si-mon Baker against Mr Wolf under the Union constitution's notorious Rule 33, which governs election protocol. The details of the charges against him have not been revealed.



Jonathan Wolf: Disqualified as Oxford Union president

Mr Baker is a supporter of Amanda Pritchard, a secondyear history student, whose bid to hold the post of president in the term after next failed by 13 votes against Jenny Carter Manning, a final year law student and friend of Mr Wolf. Both sides were reputed to have taken legal advice. Afterwards, as regulations

dictate, a public notice was posted in the ballway of the historic Union building: "Tribunal decision - Guilty. Penalty -Ionathan Wolf is disqualified from office." Union spokes-woman Lucy Manning said she could not comment until the tri-bunal's full report, due by tomorrow, is published. Mr Wolf said he regretted its decision.

## Five beds, three Oxford's nursery hospitals in one week for woman

ment over who owns the cadilly since 1874.

PETER VICTOR

A seriously ill grandmother was moved in and out of five beds at three hospitals in the space of a week, it emerged vesterday. Health campaigners ast night described the case as awful" and "distressing".

Doris Wiltshire, a 68-year-old widow, was even woken up at 3am to be transferred to another hospital only days after undergoing emergency surgery. But after a week of treatment, the pensioner has now been returned to the hospital where she was first admitted. Mrs Wiltshire was taken to

Southampton General Hospital with stomach pains at 11am on 26 February. Doctors found she was suffering from severe peritonitis - inflaromation of part of the abdomen - and needed emergency surgery.

The operation took place at

9.30pm and showed Mrs Wiltshire had a perforated bowel. Her daughter, Mrs Tina Longhurst, 36, said a doctor rang her to say her mother might not survive. An upset Mrs Conghurst was then told her mother's intensive care bed was needed and she had to be moved 12 miles to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester at 1.30am.

Two days later, on 28 February, Mrs Wiltshire was transferred back to the intensive care unit at the general hospital in Southampton. She stayed there hinder their recovery." .

for three days until she was woken at 3am to the Royal South Hants Hospital on 2 March. On 4 March, she was transferred hack to Southampton General

Mrs Loughurst, of Totton, Hants, said: "I'm furious that mum was shunted around. have nothing but praise for the doctors and nurses, but I can't believe a gravely ill woman can be disturbed in the night after emergency surgery and moved to a different hospital." Marilyn Kay, a Southampton

Hospital in London and a camspite what the polincians say, a doubling of the number of higher dependency beds."

Hospital where her condition was "comfortable" yesterday.

NHS Trust spokeswoman, said: The trust has approved plans to expand our intensive care unit from 18 beds to 34, but it is expensive and we need to find the money for it. It was not an ideal situation, but we found this patient the care she needed and her treatment was successful."

Dr David Bennett, director of intensive care at St George's paigner for more high depen-dency beds, condemned the case as "awful". He said: "Dethis is an ongoing problem that will continue until current policy changes. There needs to be

An Age Concern spokesman said: "It is particularly distressing for an older person to be moved at such short noticeand such upheaval could

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Simon Cadell: Two year fight against lymph cancer career tragically cut short."

## 'Hi-de-Hi' star dies of cancer

The actor Simon Cadell, star of the BBC comedy Hi-de-Hi, has died after a long struggle against cancer, his father-in-law said yesterday. Cadell, 45, a father of two,

discovered he had lymph cancer as he was recovering from a heart attack three years ago. David Croft, his father-in-law and Hi-de-Hi co-author, said that after a two-year struggle against the disease Callow died on Wednesday night. 'A brilliant

through every performance." The actor's family were said

to the media. Cadell was being Harley Street Clinic in London. crust entertainments manager at Maplins holiday camp in Hi- the Cool Light of Day. de-Hi, Cadell's television career

Chris Pye, the BBC's head of included two series of Enemy at entertainment group, said: the Door for LWT, three series "Simon Cadell was an extremely of Life Wuhout George and the gifted actor, whose charm shone comedy Blott on the Landscape. He appeared at the National Theatre and played many leadto be "shattered" and Cadell's ing West End roles, including widow was too upset to speak Travels With My Aunt.

Cadell has finished a televitreated for the cancer at the sion film, Circle of Deceil, due to be shown at Easter. He had As well as playing the upper- also recently worked with Richard E Grant on the film In Obituary, page 14

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Welfare reform: Tories accept step towards de facto minimum wage

# MPs unite to back 'right to work' plan

RAPPIE CI EMENT Labour Editor

Conservative and Labour MPs yesterday joined forces to call for a multi-hillion-pound "right to work" scheme which would introduce what amounted to a national minimum wage.

The Commons Employment Committee rejected the introduction of compulsory US-style workfare, declaring that penalties for the jobless who refused ough enough already.

Under the system backed by the committee, jobless adults would be guaranteed £3 an hour for useful work for the ommunity instead of receiving benefits. A rate of £1.50 was

uggested for young people.
Sir Ralph Howell, Tory MP for Norfolk North, who has

Photograph: Brian Hatton

been fighting for such a scheme cent" job then they should not be allowed to sit back and draw such reform of the benefit sys-In a report published yester-day, The Right to Work/Workfare, tem would lead to a de facto minimum wage which is opposed by his own party and

endorsed by Labour. Sir Ralph accepted that while people could opt to work for less than £3, they were unlikely to

If the system was introduced t would affect the wages of millions of low-paid workers and £3 may even be seen as high by devotees of "New Labour".

Labour MPs on the committee overcame their uneasiness about backing a measure which would involve substantial penalties for those who refused work.

Greville Janner, Labour chairman of the committee, said that if someone was offered a "suitable, reasonable and dethe same amount of benefits.

the committee said that a Bill sponsored by Sir Ralph and hacked by the Labour MP Prank Field, deserved "serious attention" to find out how much the scheme would cost or save. It was put forward as a Private Member's Bill last year but came to nothing. Although the Government is known to oppose the idea, the report said a pilot scheme should be

introduced "forthwith". Under the plan, wages would be paid directly to the unemployed person by the Government. The benefit system would be changed to ensure that it was always worthwhile to accept

government to introduce the successful Workstart scher nationally, where in work to ing is provided for the unployed. The government has far only run pilot schemes. Sir Ralph said the welfare

tem, introduced 48 years agoa

ter the Beveridge Report and It trapped millions into ployment because many found they would be paid less to work Angela Eagle, Labour MP and Wallasey, said Beverioge was designed for a society without mass unemployment. Some of the long-term jobless would it

main "perpetually" on ben Ms Eagle said however that a compulsory system as prac-tised in some areas of the United States would be "pointless"

# 'Flexible' jobs seen as future face of labour

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

Nearly half the workforce could be covered by "flexible" arrangements such as temporary contracts, self-employment and part-time jobs in 10 years' time, according to a report published today by a leading consultancy.

Flexible working has increased a lot since employment-law deregulation started in the 1980s. The number of people employed in one of hese ways will rise to 12.8 million in 10 years, or nearly half the workforce, says the report, by Business Strategies (BSL). This compares with 10.9 million

It reflects the big advantages to employers of such arrangements. Firms can push the impact of a business downturn on to workers by ending contracts or cutting part-time hours. Flexible workers are also more likely to meet the costs ofeverything from their pension and sick pay to their car and training courses.

flexible arrangements will boost the growth of suitable financial services. These include mortmade by the Labour leader,

Tony Blair, this week.
The growth of flexible work patterns will be driven by temparary work, the report says. It foresees 2.5 million people in different forms of short-term employment by 2005, a million more than last year. "There are report's author.

ment and part-time work to con tinue to grow, although at six er rates than for the past decade. Self-employment is: likely to rise from 3.3 million for day to 3.6 million in 10 years. The number of part-times, the biggest category of flexible arrangement, will rise from a million to 6.7 million.

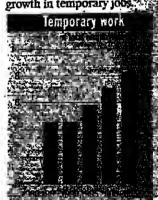
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Most part-timers and the porary workers are women to most of those in self-emillor ment are men. Men also ac count for the bulk of the how growth in temporary jobs."



- This growth is taking place mainly in service industries such as services contracted out from the public sector, telecomgages that allow payment "hol- munications and financial seridays" - one of the demands for vices. The report says: "One; change in the housing market reason why temporary employment has spread further and faster in some sectors than others is unionisation."

However, it adds that the phenomenon is spreading rapidly in some areas of manufacturing, especially engineering and the metals, minerals and chemicals sector. clearly very strong upward It cites as an example Compact's manufacturing plant at Erskine. eport's author. which employs a core workforce But he expects self-employ- of 1,500 and 700 on contracts.

# Bullying 'costs business £4bn'

Management bullies are costing British business billions of pounds, an expert warned

Not only are stressed staff taking time off sick, but they are starting to sue their employers for damages. Estimates put the aumber of working days lost through stress at 40 million a year, costing business up to £4bn in lost efficiency.

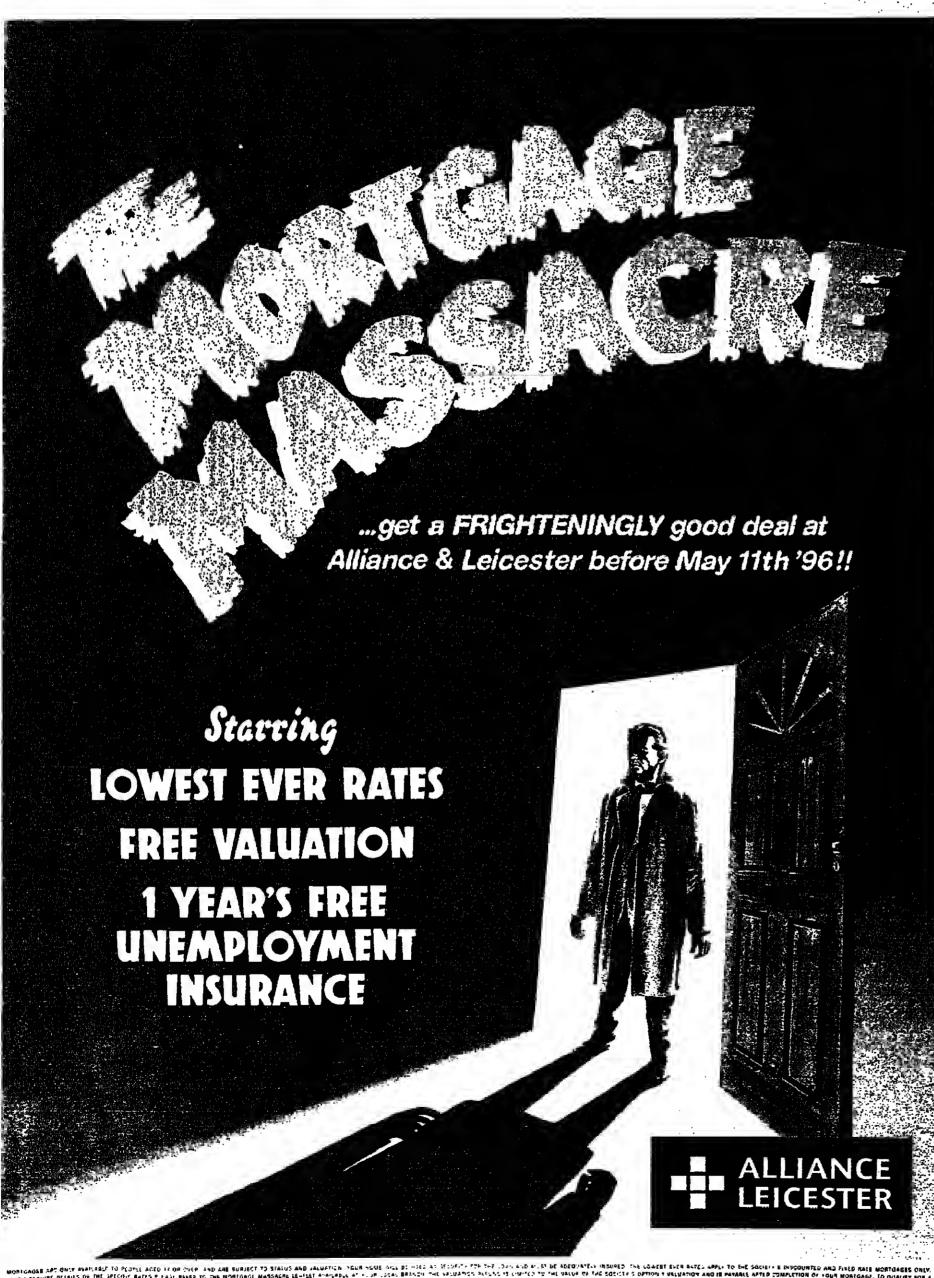
Charlotte Rayner, a psy-chologist from Staffordshire University, told a teaching union conference that bullying managers were one of the biggest causes. But Mrs Rayner told the conference in Birmingham organised by the National Asso-ciation of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers the "employee worm" was starting to

An unpublished survey by Professor Cary Cooper from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology showed industrial relations cases sparked by management survey of law firms throughout the country showed that cases which lawyers said involved bullying already accounted for nearly one in three, Some of the bullying took the form of racial or sexual harassment.

A growing number of cases were using health and safety laws tress. "Whatever the cost in Ten types of bully

time lost by employees who are made ill by the stress of manhullying were the fastest grow-ing category of civil action. His to firms could grow to be far higher," Mrs Rayner said. Her own survey showed more than half of employees admitted to having been bullied. She said: "Don't think it couldn't happen to you. It may be only a motter of luck that it hasn't yet."

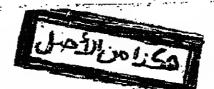
The conference was told management bullying was rife. which said employers should not m schools. An NASUWT SH cause their staff mental dis- vey last year suggested that up.



Business cycle: Tom Zeiffen, an Oxford student, preparing for work as a rickshaw guide in the city. From Easter,

tourists will be able to pay £15 for a 45-minute trip on vehicles imported from India

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# Killer diseases return to haunt Europe

#### **GLENDA COOPER**

An "incredible" resurgence of contagious diseases that once seemed conquered are threatening Europe, says the World Health Organisation.

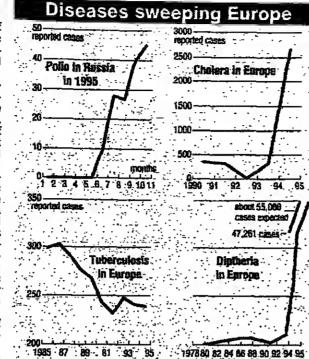
Liputheria, cholera and tuberculosis are making a comeback following the breakdown of the former Soviet Union, when the fragile economies of the new states led to a neglect of mass immunisation and increased migration.

A diplitheria epidemicsweep-ing the independent states of the former Soviet Union has been declared an international health emergency by the WHO and Unicef. Europe now accounts for 80 per cent of diphtheria cas-es reported world-wide. In 1994 over 47,000 people in these countries contracted the disease - a 250 per cent increase over the previous year - and there were 55,000 cases in 1995.

Although the majority of diphtheria cases were in the former Soviet Union, it has spread. From 1993-94 around 20 cases were imported to other European nations - 10 in Germany. 10 in Poland, four in Finland and one in Norway. Dr Sieghart Dittman, co-

ordinator of the WHO's immunisation and vaccine programme, commented: "This is an incredible re-emergence of infectious diseases which we thought we had conquered."

The number of registered cholera cases in the WHO European region increased nine times from 1993 to 1994. In 1995 17 of the 50 member states reported at least one imported case of cholera. Tuberculosis stant at around 5,500 to 6.000



strains resistant to drugs are increasing and the downward trend of reported cases of the disease in western Europe has levelled off. And malaria, a nearly forgotten disease in 1980s Europe, has exploded in recent years from 20,000 cases in 1992 to more than 100,000

In Britain there have been 25 cases of diphtheria imported between 1990 and 1994, and nearly 40 cases of imported cholera from 1993 to 1995, Tuberculosis has remained con-

cases reported per year. Robert George, a director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, said: "We bave to be absolutely aware to be ready. The UK is not under major threat at the moment but there is no cause for complacency." In western Europe commu-

nicable diseases are responsible for 7 per cent of deaths and more than 60 per cent of all acute illnesses. Elsewhere in Europe those percentages are

much higher.

The main causes of the resurgence in such diseases is found



Painful lesson: The loss of vaccinations in the former Soviet Union has led to the re-emergence of TB, cholera and diphtheria Photograph: Raoul Dixon

vict Union. With the unrest and economic fragility that followed, vaccination programmes often suffered. Economic and social difficulties also led to breakdowns in sanitary infrastructures tional product. The national

in the collapse of the former So- and water supplies. Dr Jo As- economy crumbled and this comprehensive strategy to he emerging and re-emerging disvall, regional director of the WHO, said: "As late as 1994 all these countries which came out of the former Soviet Union lost 15 per cent of their gross na-

had a disastrous effect on health problem and will continue to grow if something serious isn't done about it."

implemented immediately across Europe. Mass immunisation should be strengthened. particularly in the newly independent states. Surveillance to The WHO is calling for a recognise the early stages of

eases should also he improved by establishing a network of national laboratories, and aid should be supplied to belp poorer countries improve basic bygiene and water quality.

# Six teenagers convicted of gang-rape

Six members of a notorious members of the so-called teenage street gang were given youth detention sentences totalling 49 years yesterday after being convicted of a gang-rape of two schoolgirls:

The Old Bailey heard that the two 15-year-old girls were taken by the gang to a house in Brixton, south London, where up to 14 teenage boys - some of whom are still at large queued up to rape or attempt to rape them.

The borrific assault, in October 1994, has caused lasting torment to the two young victims, who were threatened, taunted and abused by other youngsters after reporting their ordeal to police. So fearful for their safety were they that they were kept in constant pager contact with officers handling

their case. Passing sentence, Judge Ger-ald Gordon said that the six defendants - all aged 15 or 16 and from the Brixton area - had shown "no remorse" for their actions. He added: "These two girls were subjected to repeat-ed humiliation and degradation

They were not really treated like human beings. They were treated with callous dis-regard for their feelings, like sex objects to be used and then cast aside."

The judge said that most, if

Younger Younger 28s Posse in Brixton.

In all, the six defendants were convicted of seven rapes and one attempted rape of the first girl and two rapes and two attempted rapes of the second. Spencer Baptiste, 16, convicted of raping one girl twice

and attempting to rape the other, was sentenced to three separate four and a half-year terms of youth detention, to run concurrently. His half-brother, Darren

Evans, 15, was convicted of raping the first girl twice and was sentenced to two four-year terms to run concurrently. Junior Parkes, 16, was con-

victed of the attempted rape of the first girl and rape of the sec ond, and was sentenced to two four-year terms to run concurrently.

Dwayne Grant, 15, was convicted of raping the first girl, and was sentenced to a three and a

Wayne Shelton, 16, convicted of raping each girl once, was sentenced to two fonr-year terms to run concurrently.

Ricky Stephenson, 16, was convicted of raping the first girl

and attempting to rape the second, and was sentenced to

All had pleaded not guilty to

#### Vegetables 'do not protect foetus'

LEZ HUNT

Government advice to women who want to get pregnant to boost their vitamin folate levels by eating more fresh vegetables and pulses to protect a developing foctus is misleading, according to new research.

Doctors in Northern Ireland say that only taking folic acid the synthetic form of the vitamin - as a supplement, or in foods fortified with it, can produce blood levels of the vitamin which are likely to have a beneficial effect. Folate is essential for brain and spinal cord de-velopment in the foetus and there is a well-established link with folate deficiency and spina bifida and other neural tube defects (NTDs).

The new research shows that in women who increased their dietary intake, or who were given dietary advice only, blood not increase substantially. In women taking supplements or eating fortified foods, they did.

In tomorrow's issue of the Lance, Dr Geraldine Cuskelly and colleagues from Ulster University, Coleraine, suggest that folic acid is better assimilated by the body than folate from foods such as hroccoli spinach, asparagus and brussels sprouts. The Folic Acid Campaign said women were advised to supplement their diets with 400mcg folic acid a day.





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More council-run patrols and private security guards are needed to act as the "eyes and ears" of the police, an independent inquiry bas concluded.

Sweeping changes are needed to the police if the service is to cope with the growing crime rate and increasing public demand for officers on the beat, says the report published today by an influential com-

mittee that includes two chief constables.

It also calls on the Government to bring in legislation to regulate the booming private security industry.

The suggestions come a week after the Audit Commission published a report saying that there was an insatiable public demand for bobbies on the beat and that out of the average police force of 2,500 only 125 of them were on patrol at

mendations of today's report is ers. are used in 26 Dutch cities. for local authorities to carry out more trials with their own uniformed patrols and security guards, and for a relaxation of the rank structure to allow more flexible policing. It cites the council-run security patrol

Durbam, as a possible model. It also advocates more radical experimentation and gives two Dutch examples. In one case city wardens, who carry

One of the central recom- radios but have no special pow-In the second, some police forces in the Netherlands have appointed officers with the tem in the United Kingdom. title "politiesurveillant", or police patroller, which is a rank be-

force in Sedgefield, Co It also suggests having part time officers to work at times of high demand, such as when children leave school and at pub closing time, and greater use of

women known as Specials. criminal justice apparatus can However, the report, The Role only ever be one part in an overand Responsibilities of the Police, stresses that it is against establishing a two-tier policing sys-

The study, set up by the Po-lice Foundation and the Policy low that of the ordinary Studies Institute, says that alternatives are needed because "it has become increasingly clear that the police can only have a relatively limited impact on aggregate crime statisvolunteer policemen and

all strategy to reduce crime".

As part of the strategy the inquiry recommends statutory regulation of the private security industry in which all firms would be licensed by an inde-pendent authority, who would vet guards and investigate any complaints.

Last year the all-party Commons Home Affairs Select Committee made a similar recommendation, but the Gov-

ernment has so far refused to

The inquiry says that police forces should become more flexible and more of a "learning organisation", which would include greater investment in new technology, sharing more information and giving more responsibility and power to lower-rank officers.

Sir John Cassels, chairman of the committee, said a good example of a learning organisation was British Airways or Nissan 1 Glyn St, London SE11 5RA.

staff are encouraged to show initiative and pass on their skills.

The report calls for new legislation to force all local authorities to draw up safety plans The inquiry's findings have

been sent to the Home Secretary, all police forces and local anthorities.

Prescription for change: Profession asks Government to redefine its role amid growing concern over criminal investigations

### GPs seek to define new 'core contract'

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor** 

Family doctors' leaders want to define a new "core contract" with extra payments for some work which many GPs do

Their move comes as Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, is offering family doctors an expanded role - taking more work traditionally done in hospital into general practice. Agreeing a definition of core GP services is "absolutely crucial" to progress towards the

new GPs' contract which Mr Dorrell has implied is on offer. Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the British Medical Association's General Medical Services Committee said in an interview with He said that over the past

decade, large amounts of extra work had "slid into" general practice. The dramatic expansion of nursing homes bad placed heavy demands on GPs from high-dependency patients who used to be in long-stay beds, he said. They had brought in work "that is not general practice work

GPs were heing expected to monitor a growing range of treatments; from complex anticoagulent treatments for patients to treatments for arthritis,



Seeking clarification: The role and responsibilities of family doctors must be tightly defined, according to Dr Ian Bogle Photograph: Dillon Bryden

supervision. Drug treatments work, outside of core general for infertility or cancer of the practice", he said. prostate and some other cancers had moved into general prac-tice, initially to shift the drug costs from hospitals, but with the effect of adding work for-merly done in hospitals to the family doctors load. Other GPs had taken on drug and solvent

Much of this was work "that

under consultant care and we would say was specialist

The BMA could also mean a demand to split the contract into day and night services, with some GPs shedding their 24-bour responsibility for patients while others provide night The BMA's stance points to

a battle ahead between GPs and the Government, with ministers

resisting doctors' moves to estahlish a restricted definition of their joh, while at the same time GPs seek contracts from health authorities for what they define

as "non-core" services. Dr Bogle said that with morale amongst family doctors collapsing and fewer junior doctors opting for general practice because of the workload, it was "vital" that family doctors "clearly defined what the

current job was and what should be excluded".

Doctors' negotiators would define the core job and it would be up to individual family doctors whether they continued doing work beyond it or sought extra payment from health

GPs also want to drop some of the "crazy" aspects of health promotion in their present contract - simply counting the.

number of smokers on their list, or screening over-75s annually - for which there was no evidence of an improvement in health care.

Defining the core was "an immensely difficult task", Dr Bogie conceded, and it would have to change over time.

A document defining the core is to be put to the BMA's family doctors committee later

# **Doctors facing** 'sinister trend' of prosecutions

#### NICHOLAS TIMMINS

The British Medical Association yesterday attacked a "sinister trend" in which it is claimed that doctors are facing an increased risk of criminal charges, including manslaugh-ter, when patients die in umsual

The Crown Prosecution Service has recently considered or is still considering proceedings against five doctors, and last year it unsuccessfully prose-cuted an obstetrician for unlawfully procuring an abortion when he removed a foetus, during a hysterectomy, without the panent's consent.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the council of the BMA, said:
"I do not think professional people doing their job should face criminal proceedings when mistakes occur." In some cases, he added, the "law is an utter ass" and there appeared to be a "sinister change occurring in the legal environment in which doctors have to operate".

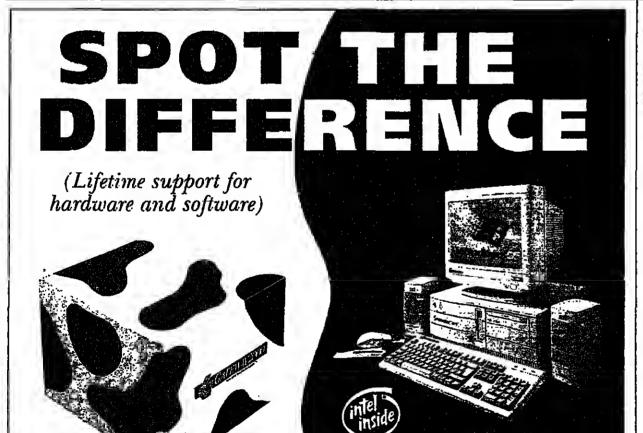
He was not, he said, seeking immunity from prosecution for doctors. But if criminal proceedings became more common it would have big implications for doctors' relations with their patients and for defensive medicine. Doctors would not risk some procedures and would over-order X-rays and other tests to protect themselves.

Cases at present with the CPS or recently considered include that of May Ormerod, aged 85, who allegedly starved to death after her GP stopped a food supplement at a nursing nome in Preston. Carole Burwash, 53, died after allegedly being given a painkiller at 10 times the dose prescribed for her, following a hysterectomy at Middlesex Hospital. A decision is also pending over Stephen Hext, a psychiatric patient who jumped from a multi-storey car park after treatment at the

Edith Morgan Centre in Torbay. A fourth case involved Ann Pritchard, who was admitted to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmisty. after a drug overdose but who died after she went into a diabetic coma, and a fifth was that of Alexandra McConnell, aged 9, who died in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, after contracting chicken por which she proved unable to resist because of steroid therapy for an eye infection.

In the last two cases, the CPS yesterday said there was insufficient evidence to proceed.

A spokeswoman, however, denied there had been any change of policy or that it was "seeking out" cases for prosecution, Doctors, however, could not be given blanket immunity any more than any other group. "Families have the right to have cases properly investigated."



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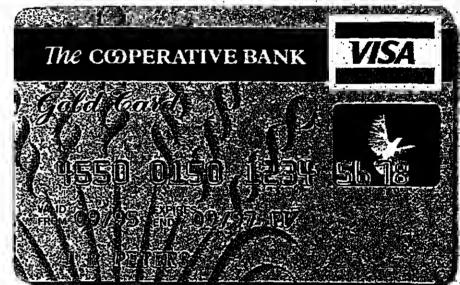
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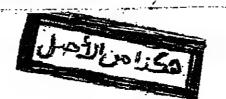
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are out of balance third of schools, the amount of cash spent on each pupil went Primary schools are holding down last year. Pupil-teacher ra-

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while others are in the red, says

a report from the Audit Com-

mission published yesterday.

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figures for reserves range from £250,000 to cash deficits.

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The commission says balances should be kept to a pru-

Schools'

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tios are expected to rise this year to 23.2 in primary and 16.5 in secondary schools. However, the amount schools of similar size have to spend on each pupil, from budgets delegated to them by local authorities, varies dramatically.

The size of school balances caused a row last year when Some primary schools of be-Conservative MPs said schools tween 100 and 200 papils have should be spending their re-serves rather than protesting about spending cuts. The latest report, which gives the first ofabout £2,750 per pupil com-pared with others which have only £1,250. Secondary school spending ranges from a high of ficial figures on school budgets. £2,900 to around £1,800. since last year's cuts, shows David Whitbread, education

that three in five schools are digunder secretary at the Associging into their halances to pay ation of County Councils, said: running costs for the current "Schools with delegated budgets need to have balances to cope Most balances, says the rewith contingencies. Some port on 71 schools, are earschools need larger balances if marked for specific projects but some schools are keeping they are saving up to buy a new mini-bus or plan to redecorate thousands of pounds in the the school every three years.

Dong McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "They [schools] can't plan for the future when they have to draw money out of their balances for running costs. The impact is seen in rising class sizes and resource shortages." Four out of five company directors believe that school leavers and graduates do not match up to basic literacy and numeracy standards, accordhad £75,000, which it was not - ing to an Institute of Directors saving for a specific purpose. survey published yesterday.



control of millions of pounds' tures. Mrs Danowski claimed worth of her father's work. that Moore's artist's copies of

against a 1993 High Court rul- . sculptor's property and became her father's enormous artistic ontput between 1977 and his death, aged 88, in 1986.

She and her mother helped the sculptor set up the charitable Henry Moore Foundation in 1976. In 1977, Moore became an employee of the foundation's trading arm, HMF Enterprises, because of his worry over tax habilities. The foundation's studios and 70-acre garden at the. sculptor's former home. Hog- House of Lords.

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The sculptor Henry Moore's lands, near Much Hadham in daughter Mary yesterday lost the Hertfordshire, contain more latest round in her hattle to gain than 600 priceless Moore sculpthat Moore's artist's copies of Mary Spencer Moore the 215 bronzes he produced Danowski, 49, had appealed during this period were the

> part of his estate after his death. But Lord Justice Nourse, sitting in the Court of Appeal, up-held the 1993 judgment, ruling that the 1977 agreement stated plainly that HMF Enterprises had ownership of any future work, meluding artist's copies.

> Mrs Danowski, who was not in court to bear the judgment. was ordered to pay the costs of leave for a further appeal to the

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A Moschino inflatable shawl Photograph: Paolo Cocco

# Plastic fantastic upstages Prada

The late Franco Moschino would have given his approval to the talented team of young designers who are taking his name into the new millennium. Presenting their new creations immediately after those of Prada may have given lesser designers cold sweats, but they chose instead to poke fun at the competition. When a trademark nylon Prada bag was worn to open the Moschino show, the familiar Prada logo read Pasta" instead.

Unlike the rest of Milan. Moschino trades on its reputa-tion for making fashion funny. Miuccia Prada need not have been too worried though. Her collection of luxury classics was presented with customary panache and she had only to look around the audience to

finger on the pulse. Prada's spring/summer granny jackets and skirt suits. and loose basket-weave print nylon trousers were being worn

know that she still has her

lem is that the clothes have such distinctive trademark they become instantly dated.

But this mass Prada hysteria is a sign of the label's farreaching influence. It will be seen - not only worn head to foot by those in the know-but also on the catwalks of other designers, from London to New York, where the label's second, younger line, Miu Miu. will be shown at the end of the month.

After seeing yesterday's col-lection for autumn/winter 1996, the uninitiated would be forgiven for wondering what all the fuss is about. For here were simple, sensible clothes that might not look so special if you did not know the label inside them. The use of late Sixties/early

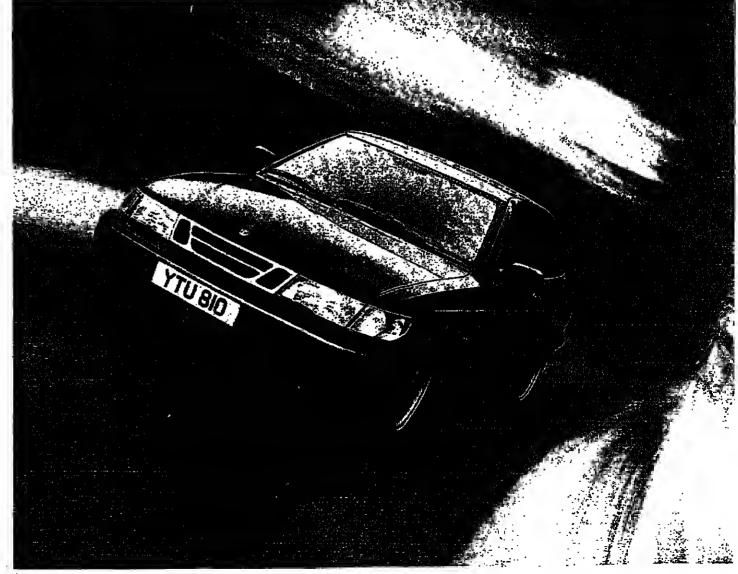
Seventies bathroom tile prints in brown and orange has con-tinued into the collection for next winter, as have straightlegged trousers and thick matt nylon nurses' dresses. There were also plain cashmere Vneck jumpers that, unlike the prints, will be wardrobe staples





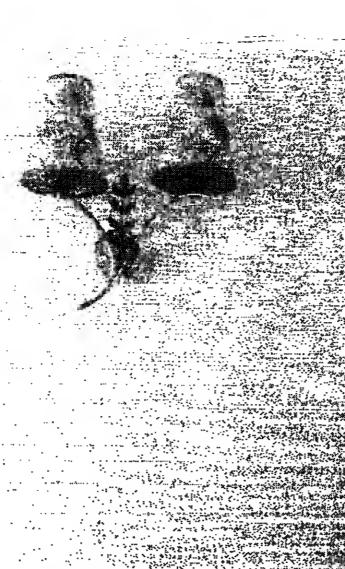


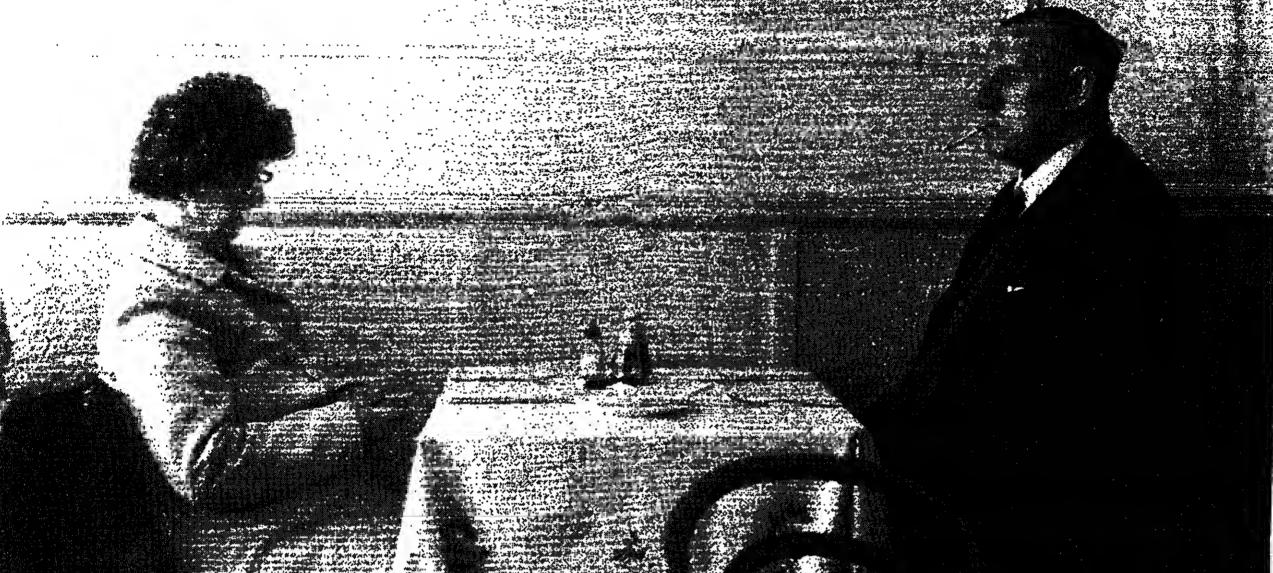
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# Marines jailed for rape that strained US links to Japan

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY Tokyo

Three American servicemen were jailed yesterday for the gang-rape of a 12-year-old Japanese girl, at the end of a case which has outraged Japan and undermined security ties between Tokyo and Washington.

Navy Seaman Marcus Gill. 23, and Marine Private Rodrico Harp. 21, were sentenced to seven years for the abduction and rape of the schoolgirl in the southern island of Okinawa on 4 September last year. A third serviceman. Marine Private Kendrick Ledet, 20, received a lighter sentence of six and a half years on the grounds that although he tried to rape the girl he was incapable of intercourse. The leader of the three-judge

panel, Shinei Nagamine, described the crime as "vicious". The victim was walking home from a shopping expedition in northern Okinawa when she was bundled into a hired car by the three men who drove her to a

nearby beach and took turns raping her. Prosecutors had called for 10-year terms for the men, but the sentences were still stilf by the standards of Japan. where rapists typically go down for three or four years.

The crime unleashed emotions in Okinawa. Three months before the rape. Okinawans had marked the 50th anniversary of the battle which killed 150,000 civilians in the dying days of the Second World War. For 27 years after, the island was part of the United States. Even after it reverted to Japan in 1972, the island continued to bear the overwhelming burden of American forces. Okinawa amounts to less than I per cent of Japan's total area, but houses up to 29,000 of the 47,000 US troops stationed in the country.

The outrage was compounded when the US authorities refused to hand the suspects over to the Japanese police, under a bilateral agreement which allows servicemen to remain in military custody until indict-

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were demonstrations, culminating in a rally in October at which 85,000 Okinawans called for the withdrawal of the US bases. The pressure increased when the Socialist governor of Okinawa, Masahide Ota, refused to sign documents necessary for the leasing of the land

occupied by the US military.

The affair has revived calls for the abandonment of the US-Jupan Security Treaty, regarded by Washington as its most important military alliance. Last November the US Defense Secretary, William Perry, was forced to make a special visit to calm the waters. The subject will he high on the agenda when the Japanese Prime Minister, Rvutaro Hashimoto, enterrains President Bill Clinton at a summit in Tokyo next month. A joint committee has been set up

For the time being, both sides insist the number of US

Okinawa's burden.

to consider ways of reducing

ment. For several weeks there reduced, but units may be relocated on the Japanese mainland. Last month, a US general conceded that plans were being considered to relocate American forces in the Pacific to Darwin, northern Australia.

Even after yesterday's sen-

tencing, the affair is not over. American lawyers representing the three men said they would appeal. Throughout the trial there have been claims of forced confessions and legal irregularities.

"The system of interroga-tions, for 23 days in this partieular case, without the assistance of an attorney is a rotten system, which must change," said Michael Griffith, an American

An application to transfer the hearing elsewhere, on the grounds that inflamed public comion made a fair trial in Okinawa impossible, was earlier rejected by the Supreme Court. An American Embassy spokesman declined to comment on the trial.

# Dole set to freeze out Forbes in New York

DAVID USBORNE New York ...

Under sleet and snow. New York Republicans voted yesterday in a primary that seemed set to hand another win to Senator Bob Dole and put him all hnt beyond the reach of his remaining rivals for his party's. presidential nomination:

The only suspense was provided by Steye Forbes, who appeared at the last moment at campaign in Florida, which least to be narrowing Mr Dole's votes on Tuesday. In Miami, the lead, A victory by Mr Forbes would be a stunning upset.

New York is the biggest prize

with 93 delegates on offer for the party's nominating convention in August. If Mr Dole snares them, his lead in numbers of delegates over Mr Forbes and his only other serimake him well-nigh invincible.

"I think we will be the state lop," the Governor of New York, George Pataki, said, Only California and Texas will send more delegates to the conven-

tion in San Diego. Of the three candidates, only Mr Forbes was still in the Empire State yesterday, apparently glimpsing the miracle of an eleventh-hour breakthrough. A final daily tracking poll for the New York Post showed Mr Dole's lead cut from 48.4 per cent to 46 per cent, while Mr. Forbes had jumped from 18.7 per cent to 24.2 per cent.

Mr Buchanan appeared to be losing ground in the state and hotel yesterday evening.
The event, aides said, would the New York Post poll.

owed by controversy created by the state party's attempts to preserve rules that made it almost impossible for any candidate other than Mr Dole to make on to the ballot sheets.

With help from the courts, Mr Forbes was able to qualify in all districts, while Mr Buchanan

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writes Tim Cornwell.

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was standing in only 23. Statewide, therefore, the primary amounted to a first head-tohead Dole-Forbes contest.

So confident was Mr Dole about New York, except it, snowed up there. If it snows

Mr Forbes received a boost inet member. But Mr Kemp, whose main interest in Mr ous rival, Pat Buchanan, would. Forbes is his advocacy of a flat tax, may have jumped in too late. "It's like grabbing the helm that puts Senator Dole over the of the Titanic after it's hit the ice," scoffed William Powers. the state party chairman.

Mr Forbes also poured mon-

ey into the state in the closing hours of the campaign, with intensive advertising, including a 30-minute block of primetime on a New York City television station. Chastising Mr Dole for refusing to take part in recent television debates, Mr Forbes offered to pay for his plane fare to return to New York to debate with him on the half-hour show.

The magazine magnate was meanwhile due to stage a "victory party" in a Manhattan

mark his success in getting on The race has been overshad- the ballot across the state, even if the day's voting did not give him victory.

Mr Buchanan continued to

defy party calls on him to retire from the race and help restore party unity. He promised sup-porters that he would "fight un-til Hell freezes over – and then

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has lately been a surge in espi-onage. In a curious throwback Americans to help round up suspected Communist spies, to the Vietnam War era, the Ads appearing last month in newspaper notices asked new immigrants to help the US language newspapers in the country, and picked up by radio government "destroy the activities, threat, and intimidation ... of the underground Com-munist spies." Economic espionage is the main target.
The Vietnamese-American Vietnamese Communist intelcommunity, estimated at about 1 million, has seen sharp splits between ardent anti-Commu-

> with their home country. The San Francisco FBI spokesman, George Groltz, said the campaign was intended to encourage disgruntled Vietnamese spies to "come in from the cold". Mr Groitz said known Vietnamese spies had tried to obtain security clearances and access to hi-tech companies based in California.

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# FSerb leaders await judgment in purgatory

Bosnia's partners in crime remain free to brood or Most of boast of their bloodthirsty deeds, writes Emma Daly

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John C come ever holder in his travels one of above ground, ever more bative grandiose in his schemes for the future, hoping to write the tale of two cities: old Sarajevo, reduced to rubble by his guns, and new Sarajevo, a golden place built by the world for Serbs who have fled the capital.

Mr Karadzic and General Mladic, the civilian and military authors of the bloody Serb war in Bosnia, are fugitives in a shrinking ficfdom, sought by the International War Crimes Tribunal on charges of genocide. The 60,000 Nato troops based in Bosnia have the right to arrest both men, but not the inclination, at least for the time

though he is rumoured to be living under Mount Zep, in the Army headquarters close to the town of Han Pijesak, in eastern Bosnia.

A sign beside a narrow, snowy road winding through pine trees gives the only clue to the nature of the apparently peaceful landscape around: foreigners are barred from stopping their cars or walking in the wood. Around a bend stands the castle keep, constructed of pine and manned by several young soldiers, who summoned an officer to deal with their unexpected visitors.

How did you find this place?" the officer asked, hemused. Directed by locals, of course, in our search for General Miadic. "Do you know where the general is?" he asked. No, "Then why did you come here?" It seemed our best bet. We were not invited in, and our cameras were temporarily removed, but the greeting was

In view of the gossip that General Mladic is depressed and drinking beavily, we asked how the commander was. Even in peacetime life is difficult for generals," the officer sighed. "He has many problems. not just with the soldiers but with civilians [moving out of Sarajevo] who have nowhere to live. He's very busy." But he still, apparently, finds time and space to visit his troops. "Of course.

why not? Why, indeed, when Mr Karadzie enjoys relative freedom of movement through the territory patrolled by Nato. He is always accompanied, it must be said, by at least three bodyguards, although they are probably thinking first about the threat from disgrunded constituents, or from Belgrade. rather than Nato.

As one Serb analyst noted. Mr Karadzic seems better off now than before the Dayton peace deal, First, he noted, the Serbian state media has ended its smear campaign against war profiteering and war crimes. Secondly, Mr Karadzic has yet to suffer the fatal car accident predicted by many in Belgrade.



Ratko Mladic (left) sulks in a bunker while Radovan Karadzic parades plans to build a rival city to Sarajevo

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, former mentor to both men, is apparently hiding his time before disposing of them.

In the longer term, however, the future looks bleak. Mr Karadzic's party, the SDS, will contest the elections but his name will not be on the ballot.

As an indicted war criminal, Mr Karadzic cannot hold office. He may remain the power bebind the throne, but in a land where strength is prized above all in a leader, his will surely

start to fade. And the SDS will face stiff electoral competition from Mr

Milosevic's own Serbian So-cialist Party (SPS), which is setting up branches in Bosnia and seeking allies among those op-posed to Mr Karadzic. Judging by its words to date, the Bosnan SPS plans to campaign on the argument that political union with Serbia will not be

possible until the Bosnian Serb entity shares. Belgrade's politi-cal philosophy, that is, the phi-

losophy of its ruling party. Mr Karadzic has looked drawn in recent public appearances, despite some succes quelling dissent in Banja Luka, and many of his constituents say ... that or The Hague

Karadzic's grandiose scheme for a "new" Sarajevo to house Sertis-who have fled the capital as the entire city reverts to government rule. Even the television presenter quizzing the "President" sounded sceptical, asking who would pay for this brave new

"Karadzic's name will be writ large in our history books," said the commander of an élite military unit based in Pale. "But there are stronger forces trying to push him out and I think he will have to go. It's the same for Mindic."

The general has not been seen in public since a review of the troops in December, a remarkable absence even for one who always shanned the media limelight. Perhaps he has spent the time in Belgrade, the site of the grave of his daughter, who committed suicide in 1994. Her death was never explained; rumours in Belgrade had it that she was terminally ill, or that she could not bear the guilt of her father's career in Bosnia

"Mladic," said one Serb m Pale, "is not in heaven or on earth but in between, I don't know the word in English." He meant purgatory, the general's victims hope it will soon be hell

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#### MOSCOW DAYS

# Something to crow about amid another false spring

but the Russians are optimists. They are, for example, unshakably convinced that spring has begun. The other day they even marked its beginning with. a celebration in Moscow's Gorky Park at which they set fire to a straw man, an effigy of winter. It was so cold that only a few people turned up. It has been snowing, on and off; ever since.

I was reminded of this spirit of optimism yesterday on meetig a middle-aged Russian woman, a vague acquaintance, who suddenly demanded to know if I had bought any presents yet and, if so, what? Secing my blank expression, she explained: today is International Women's Day, a Sovietera boliday which is still observed.

Men are expected to buy gifts for their wives, daughters, and mothers. "Get something fanciful, something to celebrate the season, something springlike," my friend counselled, before wading off cheerfully through two feet of snow.

It has struck me before that the way Muscovites come to terms with their endless winters is by lopping off a couple of months at the beginning and end, and pretending their climate is no different to that of London and Paris. But, standing ontside fretting about the presents, it dawned on me wby this communal fantasy can't work. In the gaps between the rumble of city traffic and the alltoo-frequent scream of car alarms, the place lies beneath a deep wintry bush. There is almost no birdsong. In fact, there and disease. Moreover, he are very few birds. With one ontstanding ex-

ception: crows. Just as voles have reportedly adapted to radioactivity around Chernobyl. and are breeding away on the surrounding landscape, so too have crows evolved which seem to thrive on the smog and refrigeration of Moscow. They are the Russian traffic policemen of the ornithological world - bossy, squal creatures, of acquisitive habits, in bluish-grey uniform. And they rule the roost, outnumbering the city's flocks of tatty-looking pigeons and sparrows. Here there is no parliament of fowls, but an ontright dictatorship.

The Moscow grey crow, known by locals as "the flying grey wolf", has generated its own mythology. Russians will iell you that these birds build their nests from aluminium and copper wires stolen from building sites; not a difficult task as half the city is either falling down, or being rebuilt. They are regularly accused of having driven away every smaller bird nightingales, chaffinches, star-

lings, thrushes - from the city. So numerous are they that legend has it, when a toddler in Moscow was recently asked by a kindly relative to "make the sound that the birdies make"

You wouldn't think so, given she replied not with a "tweettheir generally gloomy manner, tweet but a forforn cawing noise. All this has not made the crow popular. Nor has the fact that Muscovites, who tend to live in tiny apartments, often store food on their balconies. The sub-zero temperatures

keep the food fresh, but provide no protection from the flying Scientists estimate about 300,000 grey crows nest in Moscow in the summer, rising to a million in the winter, when they fly down from the north for food - some from as far aw Siktivkar, 2,000 miles to the north-east. They are attracted by the city's many rubbish tips and by the residents' habit of throwing scraps out of their windows (a practice which has led some dog owners to muzzle their pets, to ensure that they

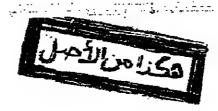
don't eat something poisonous). "If Moscow had to have an omithological cost of arms it would be a crow," grumbled the newspaper Moskovsky Komsomolets several years ago, in an article which called for squads of schoolchildren to mount a guard over the crows' nests to prevent the hen birds from re-

turning to their eggs.
Periodic calls for the stoning of the crows are not new to Moscow, whose corvine population pre-dates Ivan the Terrible. But they win no support from Igor Lebedev, a biologist at the Moscow Veterinary Academy. He estimates that every day the birds eat 60 tonnes of the city's organic waste detritus which would otherwise breed an even larger population of rats, as well as stench points out, the grey crow is highly intelligent, with an IQ comparable to that of a marmoset. Nor is Igor Lebedev the first here to admire the crow. Centuries ago, the Slavs thought crows were a kind of deity, because they walked on two feet.

Perhaps Napoleon's army had the best idea after invading Russia in 1812. Discovering that spring had not sprung (no donbt despite local assurances to the contrary) and that they were freezing to death, they did what any self-respecting Frenchman would do when confronted with an empty stomach and living creatures. They ate them.

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# Rebels push thorn further into Yeltsin's side

Boris Yekin's government was plunged ito crisis yesterday af-ter Checkn rebels spent a secand day trying to grab back control othe Chechen capital, Grozny, 2 an effort to inflict maximum embarrassment on the Kremin.

As his toops struggled to re-buff Chehen attacks across the city, Ar Yeltsin provided Russians ith further reason to suspect tat that he has no workable olution to the conflict despite is promise to find one

The President, looking solemn, emerged from a meeting of his policy-making Secu-rity Conneil in Moscow with nothing more than a vague assurance that he was working on the framework of a blueprint for hringing "peace through sta-bilisation". He promised to unveil full details to the "entire world" by the month's end, a delay that seems certain to disappoint many Russians who have long been embittered by the loss of life in the 15-month war, and

angered by the failure of the

before the presidential election in three months' time.

Kremlin's hawks to fulfil an eartile the conflict by peaceful means, always relying on force. it to a quick end. His indecisiveness and apparent helplessness at the hands of what most regard as lawless terrorists will only do more damage to Mr Yeltsin's chances of re-

turning to office. The President's strongest political rival, the Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who is well ahead in the polls, was quick to rub salt into the wound, warning that the war could be-come a "second Afghanistan" and pouring scorn on Mr Yeltsin for being unable to set-

To widespread amazement,

the President seemed out of touch with the unfolding dramas in Chechnya yesterday, prompting suspicions that his inner circle is withholding information from him – an allegation that also arose last month during Russia's disastrous bombardment of Pervomayskoye. Mr Yeltsin told reporters outside his Security Council meeting that the rebels bad been driven out of Grozny when this was in fact

Chechen forces had penetrated deep into the already wrecked city, seizing control of a police station and a hospital and taking prisoner 84 Russian construction workers. By yesterday evening, the rebels controlled a

have been caught out by the offensive which began at dawn on Wednesday after some 300 rebels rolled in on a suburhan train which they had commandeered. Yesterday Russian Interior Ministry police (Omon) far from the case. were reportedly driven back Eyewitnesses said that the into their hide-outs because

they hegan to run out of ammunitionat around 11am. An official from the Moscow-backed Chechen government told the Interfax news agency that at 2pm - three hours after the fighting began - the Russian army was still not in action.

third of the city.
The Russian forces appear to The Chechens - between 500 and 1.000, according to Russian estimates - are rumoured to be ted by Shamil Basayev, the Chechen commander who led last year's mass hostage-taking in the southern Russian town of Budennovsk, an episode that was widely seen as a humiliation

Last night there were re-ports that the Chechens had successfully sabotaged the city's heating plant, three water pumping stations, and an oil pipeline, and had installed snipers only 100 yards from the headquarters of the Moscow-

installed Chechen government Water supplies were cut, and intense fighting was said to have begun around Grozny's television station. Figures for the number of dead are usually unreliable, but the Russians admitted that some 70 of their forces had been killed, and claimed that 130 rebels died.

For Mr Yeltsin yesterday's events are a realisation of a nightmare, as they undermine his efforts to convince a sceptical electorate that he can fix the Chechen crisis. They also suggest that the rebels - whom he has vowed to kill - are able to sabotage his political fortunes at will. Although they seem unlikely to win Grozny - Russian reinforcements were streaming in yesterday as virtually every Russian position was under fire - the Chechens are equally unlikely to cease to be a thorn in the Kremlin's side as the election approaches.

### Austria budget deficit unites parties

ADRIAN RIDGE Central Ecope Correspondent

After a rev lasting more than six month - and one election later - Autria's two main parties kisse and made up yesterday wit the announcement that, for te fourth time in succession, thy would renew their left-right oalition government

A relieed Franz Vranitzky, who remans chancellor, hailed the agreeient between his Social Demcrats (SPO) and the conservave People's Party (OVP) as triumph for common sens and compromise. WolfgangSchüssel, the OVP leader an deputy chancellor, describedt as "good news for

At thecentre of the new. agreemer is a tough package of austeri measures designed to cut 10 hillion schillings (£6.5bn) rom the country's spiralling udget deficit over the next two sars.

In a hi to show they mean business, ac coalition partners. said the planned to cut two. ministerizposts and reduce the number ( state secretaries.

It wasdisagreement over that cause the break-up last autumn of the last SPO-OVE coalition iter less than one year in office Although the SPO emergedstrengthened from the December election that followed, te new cost-cutting economipolicy bears the firm imprint citic OVP, which even flirted wh the idea of throwing in itsot with Jorg Haider's extreme ight Freedom Party to

ensure igot its way. As pai of the austerity package, desmed to bring Austria into line 7th the Maastricht criteria foroining the single European urrency, 10,000 civil service osts are to be axed by the end if next year, generous maternizieave payments are to be slashed and students up to the age of 27 will no longer be able to travel for free on

public tansport. In accountry that has got used tom astonishing degree of welfare ushioning, the prospect of the cts has already provoked protest from trade unions, pensionersand students, thousands of whon this week teamed up with thir university professors

in deciring an indefinite strike. Man Austrians, however, have recognised that, with the opening of the Iron Curtain in 1989 and entry into the European Inion last year, the days of job for life and early retirement were destined to come to an ent. "We have no option but blooc sweat and tears," said Anndiese Robrer, political



Franz Vranitzky: Coalition a triumph for common sense

# Turkey's top author sentenced for article on Kurds



how to reace the budget deficit. Penned In: Mr Kemal (left), best known for his book Memed, my hawk, in court yesterday with his publisher, Erdal Oz

Like a wicked godmother cursing the new-born centre-right government that took power in Turkey yesterday, Istanbul's State Security Court handed down a 20-month jail sentence on Turkey's best-known writer, Yashar Kemal.

The three judges decided there was an incitement to racial hatred in his article Black Clouds over Turkey", in which he condemned Turkish oppression of the Kurds, Mr Kemal's passionate article was published in a book called Freedom of Expression in Turkey, subsequently banned.

"I am being judged because I want the war to stop. I will fight until death for the end of this war between the Turkish army and Kurdish guerrillas]," Mr Kemal said, "More than three and a half million people have been driven from their homes and are now searching rubbish dumps for their food."

The sentence against Mr Kemal and the fine on his co-defendant and publisher, Erdal Oz, who was ordered to pay the equivalent of £38, were suspended as long as they did not repeat their "crime" within five years. Lawyers said both would appeal against the sentence but this was not the attitude taken by Mr Kemal, 72. As be left the courtroom, he shouted: 'Jail me if you like. It is not you who sentence me. I condemn you."

The judges may have con-sidered they were being lenient, deferring to Mr Kemal's international prestige, his 30

novels translated into many languages and sales of 5 million books in Turkey alone. He is Kurdish and writes in Turkish. seeing himself as a mix of the

Mesut Yilmaz, the new Prime Minister, who sought Mr Ke-mal's advice before the December election, told Millivet newspaper his government would think about allowing Kurdish television and Kurdish education. Even the word Kurd was taboo less than a decade ago and a change in Turkish attitudes was shown by Mr Kcmal's prosecutor vesterday, who acknowledged the Kurds "as a race hut not as a nation". But when he said he believed the article was not criminal, that the book should be unbanned and Mr Kemal and Mr Oz acquitted, the judges would not relent.

The sentence is bound to stain the reputation of the new coalition government. Kurdish nationalists will also see little future hope in an unsurprising programme read out to parliament yesterday. Mr Yilmaz spoke in cliches of "separating the terrorists from the people". And the army is building its troop strength in the mainly Kurdish south-east for the tra-

ditional spring offensive.

The new Cabinet is packed with technocrats to run the economy but also includes former police chiefs associated with a mixed policy of military repression and economic promises. These helped dcpopulate the Kurdish rural south-east and restored order in towns but have failed to end the 11-year guerrilla insurgency.

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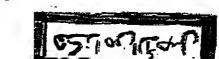
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Stanley Booth-Clibborn - Bishop of Manchester from 1979 to 1992 - was a controversial and energetic hishop of the Thatcher years. Most of

His diocese had the largest group of run-down Urban Priority parishes and this impelled him to constant public pleas for a social order which would redress the halance in favour of the marginalised. In 1991 he published Taxes - Burden or Blessing? which urged "a radily on th cal change in our attitudes to-wards what we do in common the cole and how we pay for it". He was er diffi The an Anglican rarity - a bishop who was known to belong to the Labour Party - whether speaking in a downtown pulpit in Salford or in the House of Lords. This least pontifical of bish-

ops came from the Booth famwhich had founded the Salvation Army, and he married Anne Forrester, member of a family distinguished for service in the Church of Scotland. Again he was unusual among Anglican bishops in feeling at home in radical and reformed circles, both political and ecclesiastical.

But he was not a "party man". He was scrupulous in his policy of appointing conservatives and catholics to posts in his diocese. His natural sympathies were with radical causes: inner-city parishes, support for the developing world, and the ordination of women as priests. Through his wife, a deputy chairman of Christian Aid, he had wide international

contacts. Brisk, hard-working, like-able, Booth-Clibborn was born in London, educated at Highgate School, and then spent five years' commissioned service in the Royal Artillery, including two years in India. At Oriel Col-

ties but he decided to offer for ordination. After four years in cast-end parishes in Sheffield be served in Kenya for 11 years in ecumenical posts.

He was appointed Editor-in-Chief of East African Venture Newspapers, a project which was designed to draw to-gether the Churches and the developing African leadership. 1 once heard him speaking in a shop-front church in Nairobi. challenging his African congregation to prepare for political struggles when inde-pendence came. When a worshipper rebuked him that this was politics, not religion, he insisted that God was calling the congregation to be responsible for their own nation, adding, Politics is not a dirty business Africans can leave to the British." He also advocated the freeing of Jomo Kenyatta from prison, basing this on his con-viction that despite the horrors of Mau Mau, Kenya would

soon need Kenyatta as India

had needed Gandhi. After in-

dependence, he had an hon-

oured place in East Africa. The Bootb-Clihborns returned to inner-city parishes in Lincoln. Their unusual expertise was welcomed by the British Council of Churches. Christian Aid and Lincoln Theological College. Stanley was next ap-pointed Vicar of the University Church, Great St Mary's, Cambridge. It was typical of his good-humour and modesty that he would tell against himself the story of Bishop John Robinson's letter on behalf of Trinity College Patronage Committee, which pressed him to accept with the words, "We are scraping the bottom of the barrel."

Booth-Clibborn was 55 when

lege. Oxford, many of his appointed to the demanding and carries the hurdens of his friends were destined for polidioese of Manchester. There people." In place of the old complaint "The Church is not were overwhelming problems for the likes of us" there came such as huge Victorian churchthe frequent comment "The es for tiny congregations, underfunded church schools and a Bishop is on our side". boundary which meant that

large numbers of those who drew their wealth from the city,

lived in and supported a neigh-

bouring diocese. However be was determined to "get on with

things". He liked and admired

Manchester, and its civic as-

pects. He and Anne were end-

lessly kind to clergy and their families when they were in

trouble, whether from vandal-

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high profile and courageous

leadership wherever he was, in Kenya, Cambridge or Man-

chester. Speaking about the ordination of women, he said:

Some people have interpreted

episcopal leadership as mean-ing that the Bishop should not

take strong stands on contro-

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This enabled him to agree.

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Moderator of the Movement for

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surised vicar put it like this: "The Bishop says his prayers

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Stanley Booth-Clibborn gave

family life.

Alan Webster

Stanley Booth-Clihborn's episcopate was devoted to the diocese with its serving clergy, writes Canon F. W. Dillistone. Never tiring in his relation to the needs and problems of each individual parish, he manifested a steadfast leadership which inspired those with whom he was in contact. After London and Birming-

ham, Manchester stands out as the metropolis of the North. With its famous football teams, its important airport and its flourishing university, Man-chester holds a world-wide reputation. Moreover, it has undoubtedly been the centre in the north of England for other religious enthusiasms - not only non-Anglican but also Jewisb, Muslim and Far Eastern. It has had a long Anglican tradition, the diocese having been formed in the early 19th century. In consequence a bishop has to assume leadership within his own diocese as well as main-taining relations with the other religious bodies within his area. It was not surprising that William Temple was chosen more than 50 years ago to take charge of enterprises ranging from the great Conference on Politics, Economics and Citizenship to the stirring evange-listic efforts on the Blackpool

In philosophy, history and economics, Manchester became a stage from which distinguished scholars went on to Chairs in other universities: leading industrialists witnessed

mills and factories to a much more diversified pattern (with the enormous influence of the growing radio and television industries, together with the long tradition of the Manchester Guardian), culminating in a pattern of communication today which is far more central in its

general outreach. Stanley Booth-Clibborn and his wife Anne went on steadily relating themselves to the many problems which a vast diocese brings. He did not forget missionary responsibilities and when time allowed found out conditions at first hand. He did not forget the wonderful her-itage which was his and the way in which General Booth transformed the ranks of the downand-outs everywhere. He did not hesitate to speak ont when a public issue demonstrated

rights and wrongs.
I well remember Stanley Booth-Clibborn's entbrone ment on a day full of snow and ice: he laboured thereafter amid all the demands of the diocese to set forward the cause of Christ in the teeming diocese of Manchester.

Stanley Eric Francis Booth-Clibborn, priest: born London 20 October 1924; ordained deacon 1952, priest 1953; Training Secretary, Christian Council of Kenya 1956-63; Editor-in-Chief. East African Venture Newspapers 1963-67: Leader, Lincoln City Centre Team Ministry 1967-70; Vicar, St Mary the Great, Cambridge 1970-79; Bishop of Manchester 1979-92; married 1958 Anne Forrester (two sons, two daughters): died Edinburgh 6 March 1996.

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Playing the part of Fair-brother in Hi-de-Hi! (which was

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of the cast not to have any jokes

written into his script. "It is the

most difficult way to be funny,"

he said. "and that's why I get a

### Simon Cadell



amonamania: four of the five Marnonas – from left to right, Julio Rasec, Samuel Reoli, 'Dinho' Alves and Alberto Hiroto

#### **Mamonas Assassinas**

The five members of Mamonas Assassinas shot out of nowbere to become the Brazilian teen pop sensation of the decade. They perished spectacularly together in a plane crash, leaving only one record, and were mourned by the Brazilian public and media as extravagantly as Ayrton Senna, the last great popular hero to he buried in

"My grandchildren were very sad." President Henrique Cardoso commented in his note of condolence, and the culture minister stated that Brazil bad lost "a singular manifestation of irreverent humour". The entire group, with two pilots and two technical staff, died when their rented Lear jet hit a hilltop approaching São Paulo airport, on the way back from the last concert of a national tour, and the Brazilian media quickly noted strong fronic elements to the

For one thing, their record company had been planning to disappear the group for a few months to whet public appetite for a new album in the summer. tured strongly in the Mamonas'

mythology. The cheerfully naive list of dedications on the sleeve of their hit album included, as well as the studio engineers who mixed the album in Los Angeles and the Mexican cleaner in their hotel, the inventor of the aeroplane, Alberto Santos-Dumont, for having made their

first trip possible. All five group members were in their twenties and grew up together in Guarulbos, the middle-class town next to São Paulo's airport. Pre-stardom. their lives appear to have been unremarkable, Alberto Hiroto, a guitarist, studied physics and took part in yo-yo competitions. Other members were office clerks or video store assistants. Alecsander "Dinho" Alves, the singer, chief lyricist and star personality of the band, worked as an assistant to a local town councillor. The group, initially called Utopia, was formed in 1989, and did the rounds of all the record companies unsuccessfully before EMI signed them as Mamonas Assassinas ["Killer Tits") and in January 1995 released their first album. By the end of the year it had sold 1.7 million

copies, a remarkable feat in the recession-hit Brazilian music industry, and was a hit also in Argentina and Portugal, while Mamonamania gripped Brazil-ian youth, with bordes of screaming pubescent followers besieging their hotels, and Dinho and his new young model fiancée a staple of the gossip

Only the most besotted of fans would impute high musi-cal quality to the Mamonas' record, and a common reaction among older Brazilians was scorn, turning on further exposure into amused fondness. The group's product was essentialh straightforward rock, mixed with elements of what is often known as brega or tacky music, a lower-class country-like pop, of which the Mamonas cannily used the melodic catchiness while simultaneously parodying the redneck associations. Other key clements of the act were stage gear, a colourful jumble of shirts, T-shirts, pyjamas, con-victs' outfits and silly hats - and, above all, headline-grahhing lyrics slang-laden and risque and delivered in an assortment of comic accents.

Their huge hit "Animal World" is a sort of dirty nursery rhyme, comparing the delights of humping different species of animal, while "Vira Vira", which succeeded in being temporarily banned from radio tells the tale of one Maria who, invited to an orgy, comes home a week later minus one hreast and "so shagged out she couldn't sit down".

A minor, but clear strand of the Mamonas' work, visible in sbarp little portraits of, for example, provincial social climbers hypnotised by shopping malls, was social satire, and was this that impelled one Brazilian ohituarist to say that the Mamonas' slight oeuvre, in its own way, described the

Philip Sweeney Alecsander Alves, singer: born 1972; died 2 March 1996, Alberto Hiroto. guitarist: born 1973; died 2 March 1996. Julio Rasec, keyboard player: born 1968; died 2 March 1996. Samuel Reoli, bass guitarist: born 1974; died 2

March 1996. Sergio Reoli, drum-mer: born 1972; died 2 March

Strangers would still come up to Simon Cadell in the street and yell the catchphrase "Hi-de-Hil". This was something he had become used to in the 15 years since the hit series Hi-de-Hil was first shown on BBC television. believing it to be "part of the job". It was while playing the role of Jeffrey Fairbrother in the series, the scrawny, well-spoken entertainments manager of the fictitious Maplins holiday camp

But Cadell was as much at nome in serious theatre as in television comedy. If on the acters whose very fallibility who never did straight "impersonations", which he believed were dull; rather, he tried to give the audience a sense of a fullyrounded character.

Playing the part of Noël Coward in Noël and Gertie, a show which was put together by Coward's godson, Sheridan Morley, and which opened at the Comedy Theatre in De-cember 1989, Cadell said: "You have to take what you think of the man's personality as you perceive it, and use those things

himself witty, urbane and a bon viveur.

Born in 1950, Simon Cadell came from a family with a rich theatrical tradition spanning three generations. His father, John Cadell, was the son of the West End actress Jean Cadell and a distinguished actor's agent, while Simon's mother, Gillian, was the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. His sister Selina is also

dales School, in Hampshire, Simon was puppyish and chub-by and distiked playing rugby. screen he specialised in char- At the age of 16 he ran away because he could not stand the made them appealing on stage routine. This seemed to be a he was an accomplished actor recurring theme throughout heved for an actor, getting stale

His first stage appearance was in 1967 with the National Youth Theatre in the original production of Zieger Zagger by Peter Tearson. He joined the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School the same year and got his first acting joh in 1969.



Cadell, centre left, as Fairbrother, with his fellow Hi-de-Hill actors

led him to see parallels between "Fairbrother was an honest academic out of his depth." Hamlet was just another char-acter out of his depth," he said.

or Jacques Tati, he subscribed to the belief that "It is the clown." the failure, the good-natured, averagely attractive man whom. British women feel at home with as an entertainment figure."

As a boy in his teens at Be-Cadell's career: he was always seeking new challenges and beis the cardinal sin".

Cadell's ability to make people laugh was, his fellow actor John Wells said, partly in his

kick out of it. I like to do difficult things and then move on." where Cadell watched it wed reaction as the stage that Cadell met his future wife came up and the was Rebecca Croft, daughter of the show's producer, David Croft. son a sense of the the Life Without George (which ran from 1987 to 1989), the television series which further popularised Cadell, was co-written by Penny Croft, his sister-in-law. He felt a certain empathy with abeth Hall, in London. his character Larry Wade, a prototype new man: a sensitive, caring estate agent in his thirties.

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ALEXANOER: On 7 March 1996. Monica, died at home at Oakington. Cambridge: Funeral service at Oak-ington Parish Church on Wednesday Li March at 2pm. No flowers please. but donations for Oakington Church co F.W. Cook Funeral Service, 49 Church Street, Willingham, Cam-

bridge.

SAMUEL: Philip Ellis Herbert, died 6
March 1976, aged 95. Funeral at
Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Sunday
10 March, at 12 midday. He will be
greatly missed by his family and
many friends, instead of flowers, donations may be sent to West London Service Unit, 289 Westbourne Park Road, London W11.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WILLIAMS: A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Joyce Beverley

#### Births. Marriages & Deaths

Williams MBE MB JP thee Jewson) will be held as 12 noon on Saturday 13 April 1996 in St Lohn's Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, London NW3. Enquiries to 0181-140

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#### Birthdays Maj-Gen Sir Christopher Airy, for-

mer private secretary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, 62; Mr David Austick bookseller and former MP. 76: Mr Gyles Brandreth MP. journalist and broadcaster, 48; Sir Julian Builard, former ambassador to Wes Germany, 68; Professor Sir Donald Campbell, anaesthetist and former president, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 66: Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor, 72: Miss Cyd Charisse, actress and dancer, 75: Sir James Comyn, former High Court judge, 75; Mr Phil Edmonds, cricketer, 45; Mr Michael Grade. chief executive of Channel Four Television, 53; Miss Eileen Herlie, actress, 76; The Hon Douglas Hurd MP rio; Mr Michael Inchbald, interior designer. 76; Miss Ann Jenner, ballerina, 52; Mr Gary Numan, musician, 38; Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 53; Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi, 48;

Miss Lynn Seymour, bailerina, 57;

Professor Stephen Smith, gynnecologist, 45: Professor Norman Stone, orian, 55; Mr Robert Tear, operatic lenor, 57; Miss Claire Trevor. Mr David Wilkie. Olympic swimmer.

#### Anniversaries

Births: John Fothergill, physician, 1712: William Roscoe, historian, 1753; Oliver Wondell Holmes Jur. judge. 1841; Kenneth Grahame, author, 1859; Ono Hahn, physicist and chemist, 1879; Tad Dameron, jazz pianist, composer and arranger, 1965. Deaths: King William III, 1702; Louis-Hector Berlioz, composer, 1869; Benno Adam, animal painter. 1892: Count Ferdinand von Zeppeiin. soldier and inventor, 1917; Sir Thomas Beecham Bi. conductor. 1961; Richard Austen Butler, Baron Butler of Saffron Walden, statesman, 1982; Tad Dameron, jazz pianist, composer and arranger, 1965; Sir ain", 1pm.

William Walton, composer, 1983. On this day: Queen Anne acceded to the British throne, 1702; work began on the Amsterdam-North Sea Canal, 1865; Mahatma Gandhi started a civil disobedience campaign in India, 1930; a coal strike began in Britain, 1944; the first London pro-

duction of the musical Kies Me, Kate was presented, 1945; 3,500 US marines landed in South Vietnam, 1965; the Nelson Column in Dublin was destroyed by an IRA bomb, 1966. Today is the Feast Day of St Duthac, St Felix of Dunwich, St Humphrey or Hunfrid, St John of God, St Julian of Toledo, Saints Philemon Carthage, St Senan of Scattery, St Stephen of Obazine and St Vere-

#### Lectures

National Gallery. Norman Coady, "Innocents Abroad (i): Titian, Salomé with the Head of Saint John the BopVictoria and Albert Museum: Catherine Wilson, "Rococo Design in Britain", 2.30pm. Stirting University: Sir Crispin Tickell, "Economical with the Environ-

ment a question of values", 6pm.

#### Receptions English-Speaking Union

Mr Robin Fleming, Chahman of Robert Fleming Holdings Ltd, Mrs Valence Mitchell, Director-General, English-Speaking Union, and Mrs Richard Chilton, Chairman of the ESU Chilton Art History Scholarship, received the guests at a reception held yesterday evening at Fleming's, London EC2, in aid of the Scholarship.

#### Worshipful Company of Shipwrights

The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights awarded certificates and bursaries for training voyages on-

board TS Royalist to Sea Cadets from the London Area units of the Sea Cadet Corps at a Court held yesterday evening at Ironmongers' Hall London EC2, Mr Ole S. Kverndal Prime Warden, presided at a dinner held afterwards. Sir Jeremy Morse was the principal guest and speaker.

#### Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children

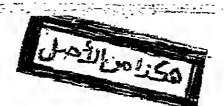
Mrs Diane Yeo, Chief Executive of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, received the guests at a dinner and musical evening held yesterday evening at the Cavalry and Guards Club, London Wt. The Amalfi String Quartet and the Radley Clerkes provided the music.

Among those present were: Col Thomas Hall, Chairman, Cavalry and Genros Clab, and Mrs Hall; Sn Andrew Hugh Smith; Sir Rasho Dodde; Barcoses Caten-Sacken; Mr C.E. Kevill-Davies; Mr Neil Bruce Copp.

# ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Anniversary Spring Dinner and Ball at the
Grand Hotel, Birmingham.
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The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Gaards, 11am; 1st Bardshion Irish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palace, at L. Dam, band pro-vided by the Grematier Guards.

Appointments Mr Tom Richardson, to be Ambassador to Rome. Mr Ray McAlee, to be a Commissioner on the Board of Customs and



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At war over the law

An uncompromising Home Secretary and a blunt-speaking Lord Chief Justice are at loggerheads. Heather Mills explains why

criminal justice system. The judiciary, once signed-up members of upset them. the Establishment, have accused John Major's government of introducing a flood of hasty, ill-conceived and contradictory legislation. Ministers are in the dock, charged legislation. Ministers are in the dock charged with subjecting the law to "arbitrary change and the vagaries of fashion": and worse, impeding justice. If that is not enough, the judges have told the ministers flatly: their proposals will not work.

proposals will not work. Judges stand accused by ministers of giving too many lenient sen-tences, thwarting their so-called fight against crime, and interfering in policy.

These are uncharted and danger-ous waters. Never before in recent history have judges so damagingly and publicly voiced their views

So why are they doing it now? The reasons are threefold. First, they are now able to speak out publicly, since rules maintaining "Never before has a go their silence were relaxed in 1987. Second.

they are headed by a Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, who is prepared to speak out so bhintly on their behalf. (Lord Lane, his predecessor, was known to have seethed silently.) Third, and fundamentally, judges - at least the "new" intake of younger, more liberal-minded judges - guard their independence

discretion to administer justice that has most

What has brought matters to a head are the latest proposals by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to impose minimum sen-

The British Constitution: a missing document

Where other nations spell out the fundamental principles upon which their laws are founded, the British Constitution is unwritten.

British common law consists of long-established custom. Statutory law is set by Parliament. Judges establish law through precedent. No single document gathers all these together, and no single group can lay claim to autonomously controlling the law-making process. the law-making process.

Convention places the long established principle of separation of powers at the

heart of the constitution: the executive, legislature and judiciary may not exert excessive influence on each other. Some members of the judiciary argue that politicians, most chiefly the Home

Secretary, Michael Howard, are now undermining this central principle. outside the courtroom - forcing ministers on the defensive.

the century. Since then, sentencing has been left to judges - with the notable excep-

tion of the mandatory life sentence to "Never before has a government introduced politics into sentencing," says one judicial insider. "Judges have long been unhappy at the crumbling justice system they see around them, but with one or two notable exceptions have largely kept quiet. Over this fundamental issue, they feel they

have no option but to speak out."

The judges' desire to go public has coin-

There is now open warfare between the from government jealously. And it is the concluded with their changing role as law-makers judges and the Government over the stant attachment of yet more fetters on their in our unwritten constitution. The "new" judiciary are perceived as far more liberal, increasingly called upon – and unafraid – to protect the citizen against the state, as wit-nessed by the increasing use of judicial review to check ministers' powers. Howard happens to be the minister who has most often fallen foul of the courts.

The consequences of this war for society are serious. We need faith in the lawmakers -government and judges - who set the rules

that bind our social fabric, protect the individual and guarantee order.

The Lord Chief Justice has warned that what jodges see as a rash of crude legislation (as many Criminal Justice Acts in the past six years as in the previous 60) is endangering public confidence in the system. And since the stream of notorious miscarriages of justice in the late

1980s, confidence is already diminished. Nothing could be undermining public confidence more than having the judiciary and executive pulling in different directions.

The only hope is that Howard's new sentencing proposals do not get on to the statute book before an election. He has yet to publish his White Paper and he may run out of parliamentary time. This would let him off two hooks: the continuing and fundamental row over judges' discretion in sentencing, and an explosion in the already bursting prison population that he would not be able to contain.



#### Howard's proposals

most right-wing. Home Secretary for 30 apologies for the changes he says are necessary. Encouraged by Labour's shift to a tongher stance on law and order, he has been amons to pursue a "prison works" policy, introducing measures that have seen the proson population rise by more than 10,000, in a record level of 51,357.

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Too much legislation: Howard has been areaous to infill his wide ranging promises to the Buy party faithful in 1993 to crack

Michael Howard took up the Home ever since. He maintains that his top priority for ity is to protect the public, and makes no most right wing. Home Secretary for 30 apologies for the changes he says are nec-

dants silence.

Revealing previous convictions: The fact that many defendants—sometimes those accused of tape—have been acquitted when their history might suggest a pattern of offending has led Howard to review the ban on juries knowing of defendants previous convictions. vious convictions.

lury trial: The collapse of a series of complicated fraud trials has led to calls for the right to jury trial to be abolished in some cases and replaced by judges sitting with an

Prisons: Howard makes no apologies for pursuing a criminal justice policy that has seen an explosion in the prison population. He argues that the rise in prison numbers has led to a fall in recorded crime.

Honesty in sentencing Howard pro-poses in a forthcoming White Paper to introduce "honesty in sentencing", making prisdown on crime and criminals. He has been oners serve nearly the whole of their

#### Taylor's criticisms

head of the Court of Appeal, and the country's most senior judge. He was appointed by the Queen in 1992, on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, who took "confidential soundings" among other senior judges, and speaks on their behalf.

As his recent attacks on the Government have shown; he pulls no punches. He rose swiftly through the legal ranks, is highly regarded for his incisive mind and independence. He is very influential in the House of Lords, and presents a powerful enemy for Howard. He can only be fired if both Houses

of Parliament agree. His chief areas of disagreement with the Home Secretary are:

Current proposals for tougher minimum sentences: Lord Taylor is gravely opposed to a planned White Paper which will see mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists: and stiff minimum terms for burglars and drugs dealers. He claims they will lead to injustice - because the same sentence will apply in all circumstances. They will clog up ts by removing incentives to plead guilty. They might also make violent offenders, knowing they face life sentences, murder

their victims. Mandatory life sentence for murder: Lord Taylor believes it should be abolished so that judges could distinguish between the battered wife who kills her brutal husband

and a mass murderer. Too much legislation: Lord Taylor feels a closed to the defence, and torrent of hasty legislation is undermining public confidence, and is having to be amended and corroboration.

T ord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, is the reformed through Parliament and the courts. Sentencing philosophy: In the past four years sentencing policy has swung from one extreme to the other. The 1991 Criminal Justice Act declared that prison was an expensive way of making bad people worse and sought to divert all non-serious offenders. The 1993 and 1994 Acts have pursued a "prison works" theme. Lord Tay-

> that Howard's removal of this centuriesold right should be watered down.

Jury trial: The Lord Chief Justice sees jury trials as the cornerstone of our criminal justice system.

Revealing previous convictions: Lord Taylor remains firmly opposed to telling juries about a defendant's

criminal record because it would "give a dog a bad name", he says. Prisons: Lord Taylor does not believe a longer time inside will deter habitual criminals. "What deters them is the likelihood of being caught, which at the moment is

Honesty in sentencing: Lord Taylor supports the moves. He has also stood behind the Government on restricting the right to silence (even though he diluted its effects), limiting the amount of evidence to be dischanges to the law governing.

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I sate to be a stirrer, but I have a feeling bads could roll over this one. An unbelicable lack of communication between th producers of Granada's dating game slaw God's Gift and the ad agency Satchi & Saatchi has had most unfortrate repercussions both for the Army ad for the gay community, and most of afor the Government, which reiterated sesuccincily and controversially this wik that gays may not, in any circum-suces, join the armed forces.

t seems the MoD reckoned without ti unexpected negative PR effect stem-nog from this week's episode of God's G. On Wednesday evening, the proamme went out as usual - the show's ctinctly naff format consists of five wag men who compete both athletidy and intellectually in front of a stucaudience of women, who vote for one them to become "God's Gift" - hut is time there was one difference: the

alience was all men. No problem with that - the show's polucers were merely experimenting th a one-off gay episode. But nobody id thought to tell Saatchi & Saatchi sich schedules its adverts for Army cruitment during the programme. Understandably, members of the gay minumity who chanced to be watching toked over their beer at such blatant sensitivity. A spokesperson for the gay obvists Stonewall commented: "It as mighty odd in the week that the overnment has said we can't have gays the armed forces because they can't

uarantee their safety." But when I rang Saatchi & Saatchi's, owever, to inform them of their bad ming, staff had no idea that there had een a "gay special". "I think," came ventually from a spokesman, "that I'd etter not comment."

### Salad days at Live TV

You I know why the, er, expansive triunvirate at the head of Live TV,

"Cuddly" MacKenzie, Nick "Fit" Fer-rari and "Big" Bill Ridley, recently introduced a slimming show, Weigh to Go. Yesterday I spotted Messrs Ferrari and Ridley absorbed in concentration at the low-calorie food section in Canary Wharf's Boots. After much consultation it was clearly a new experience for Crèche course

dobbed by their employees Kelvin offices. Of Mr MacKenzie there was no sign - but my spies assure me that power tunch or no, he was fed a plate of let-

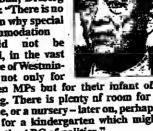
them – they bought diet pop, lo-calorie yoghurt and shapers sandwiches before heading back rather glumly to their across something extraordinary. West-



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minster's crèche lobby, which believes that its fruitless campaign for a baby room is 25 years old, is misinformed. As far back as 1949 there was a request for a crèche in Westminster's eight acres of space and it came from none other than the late Labour MP Tom

In a 1949 edition of the now-defunct John Bull, Driberg wrote: There is no reason why special accommodation should not be Palace of Westmin-ster, not only for



women MPs but for their infant offspring. There is plenty of room for a crèche, or a nursery - later on, perhaps, even for a kindergarten which might teach the ABC of politics."

Given Driberg's unorthodox character - he was a promiscuous homosexual and Soviet spy - this is perhaps nnt the kind of endorsement that Commons crèche campaigners are actively seeking. But when I called Gary Kent, a researcher who is one of its most stalwart defenders, he was delighted. We welcome support from any quarter. You don't have to be a parent to appreciate the civilising influence

#### Chain reaction

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How pleasant to find that the Internet is following the traditions of real mail. A colleague received an e-mail vesterday which began solemnly: "This message has been sent to you for good luck ..." Yes, God help us, chain mail has hit the Net. My advice to all other "surfers", if we are to purge the system of such intrusion, is to obey only one of the instructions in this banal missive: "This message must leave your hands in 96 hours." It took me much less time than that to press "Delete".

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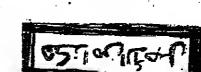
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# The wrong way to fight crime

Crime is one of the most important social issues in Britain today. Fear of violence, alongside anger at unsolved burglaries and theft, are undermining public confidence that the Government, the judiciary, the police and the prison ser-

vice have got the problem under control. Yesterday's row hetween the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, and Michael Howard over sentencing can only compound that disillusionment. This hattle looks like buck-passing the Home Secretary blames the judges for being too soft on criminals, while Lord Taylor has accused the Home Secretary of endlessly changing the law on sentencing, to ill-

effect and with scant regard for justice. Yet neither figure offers a workable blueprint for cutting crime. We are, whatever the outcome of this week's debate, stuck with a system that does not detect many criminals and which fails to punish them in a way that prevents most from reoffending. In short, the conflict between Lord Taylor and Mr Howard is largely

irrelevant to the concerns of most of us. The key issue of contention is Mr Howard's plan to introduce mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists and other violent criminals, along with tough minimum terms

for persistent burglars and drug dealers. On Wednesday night, Lord Taylor rightly criticised the proposals on practical rather than constitutional grounds. Mandatory sentences reduce the discretion of judges to make the punishment fit the criminal. They mean an offender is unable to cut his sentence by entering an early guilty plea. More defendants will fight charges to the bitter end, further clogging up the courts,

A mandatory life sentence for repeat

rapists may persuade some that they might as well kill the victim, the only wit-ness to their crime, since a murder will not increase their sentence. The last, and perhaps most devastating, criticism by the Lord Chief Justice is that tougher sentences do not cut crime in general. Bet-ter detection, rather than harsber sen-tences, is the answer, be says.

It is refreshing to hear judges joining the policy debate about how to tackle crime provided, as Lord Taylor accepts, they acknowledge Parliament's right to decide the law. The Lord Chief Justice's comments should not be dismissed as whingeing from the judge's trade union leader. Mr Howard should take the objections into consideration before publishing his White Paper on criminal justice. Tougher mandatory prison sentences may appeal to public opinion, but if they are ineffective, or indeed make crime worse, they are an expensive indulgence,

The Home Secretary sbould also think carefully before he weighs in with yet fur-ther reforms of the criminal justice system, which has, as Lord Taylor says, been overburdened with legislative initiatives. Overhasty reforms - notably those in the early Nineties that made sentencing more

lenient - have had to be reversed. The judges and the Home Secretary must do more than squabble if they are genuincly to address public concern about crime. They must think up new ways of dealing with offenders. Innovative punishment in the community, shaming people into changing their behaviour, might be ef-fective. Until Mr Howard and his judicial colleagues tell us how they can cut recidivism, rows about sentencing will be dismissed as a distraction from the real issues.

# A no-win situation for Senator Dole

The grimly predictable was followed by the unpredictably grim. Now it is back to the grimly predictable. The US presidential primary campaign, having taken a detour through some scary territory, has bumped back on to to its pundit-approved rails. The election proper (still eight months away) will be between President Bill Clinton and Senator Robert

But Mr Dole's shaky performance in the early primaries, and the strange gods invoked by the rabble-rousing Pat Buchanan, have left the entire Republican strategy for 1996 in tatters. The game was to paint the gay-loving gun-hating wom-anising, draft-dodging Bill Clinton as "out of the mainstream": now it is the Republicans who find themselves trying

to scramble back on to the centre ground. Mr Dole faces two great problems and one great unknown. The first problem is how to co-opt Mr Buchanan's vitality, and his blue-collar support, without swallowing the poison of his extremism. Mr Dole needs the grassroots organising power of the Republican right to ger out the vote for him in November. Contrary to the received view. US elections are not decided on television alone; you have to get those couch potatoes into the polling

A decisive moment will be the Republican convention in San Diego in August. Mr Buchanan and his scores of delegates will have to be given their due if they are to play on the same team in the autumn. But Mr Dole cannot allow them to turn the convention, as they did in 1992, into

Somebody said to me the other day that the reason Jane Austen

was so popular in New York at the

moment was not that people there

anything, but that all the things

Jane Austen's characters were so worried about were all the things

that people in New York are getting worried about right now. Making

the right marriage, meeting the

right people, getting the right money, making the right move at

This may he true. And if it is true.

you can feel the twitch of alarm

among Austen-lovers already.

Fancy their Jane being taken away

from them hy a transatlantic gang! Bad enough having her hijacked by

television, but having her colonised

Things like this are always hap-

pening in literature, with reputa-

tions going up and down, in and out

of fashion, up in one place and

down in another. Here's another

example of the Jane Austen band-

"Jane Austen is a lady whose

genius, compact of humour and

keen observation, entitles ber to a

bigh place in English letters. But

there bas sprung up a Cult con-cerning Jane. The Snobs, I fear,

wagon doing a slight dctour:

by the Americans as well ...

the right time ...

a prayer-meeting for fundamentalist rightving intolerance.

The second great problem facing Mr Dole is his choice of running-mate. He might sensibly choose, say, General Colin Powell, who is, like him, a centrist, Washington insider. But such a choice would be bitterly contested on the right of the party (not just for racist reasons, though,

to be sure, race would be a part of it).

Bob Dole is a cautious man. Since he is an old-fashioned (and just plain old) Midwestern Senate leader, he will go for a young, Southern, modern conservative type with no Washington experience. This will lose him no votes but gain him

The other unknown is Ross Perot. If be enters the race as a third force, he will siphon off part of the anti-Clinton vote and probably hand the President a second term. Will the Texan billionaire run? Almost certainly.

At this early stage in the proceedings it is hard to see the President - now 12 points ahead in the polls - being turned out of office. But Mr Clinton's entire public life has been a big dipper. If he is up today, nothing is more certain than that he will be down tomorrow. The economy, Whitewater, the US mission to Bosnia

remain giant bostages to fortune, In other words, Bill Clinton can still lose it; it is difficult to see Boh Dole winning it. Even in his moment of triumph after eight primary wins on Tuesday night, he offered no answer to the question that stumped Edward Kennedy in 1980: "Why

have got her: the pale horror-dogs

who yelp and maunder over Proust

and Pirandello are hugging Jane to

their bosoms and treating ber least

novels as if they were a Byzantine

This was written in 1927 by DB

Wyndham Lewis, and seems to he

a cry of alarm at the thought of the

Bloomsbury mob claiming Jane

Austen as one of theirs, or at least

at the thought of the literati taking

her out of the realm of the much-read into the much-discussed.

She seems to have survived the

treatment pretty well, as well as she

is surviving the dual assault at the

moment by television and Emma

Thompson, and Wyndham Lewis

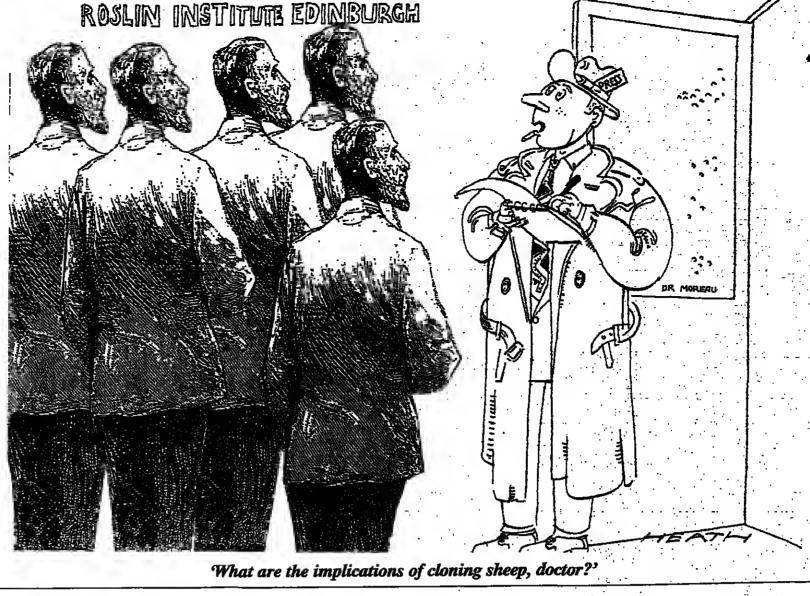
a collection of pieces written in the Twenties, I find that DB Wyndham

Lewis was much more obsessed

Not that he did worry. Perusing

need not have worried.

The New York gal and the Shropshire lad



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Arts A-levels not a soft option for the indolent

Sir: It is sickening to see those in authority continuing to pull up the ladder and deny to those who are starting today those benefits that they themselves were blessed with ("A-level exams will be made harder to pass", 6 March).

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, Sir Kon Dearing and others should remember how easy things were for them compared with today's students. Reasonable grants, cheap accommodation, no student loans scheme or threats of payment for higher education, good job prospects and far lower entry qualifications - you only needed five O-levels to study law in the early 1960s.

Universities, when they select students, are perfectly aware of

today's srandards in A-levels and set entry qualifications accord-ingly. Making some subjects even more difficult to pass is pointless. It is yet another cheap but cosmetic alteration to our education

My daughter bas just passed four arts subjects at A-level and I can confirm that the past two years has not been the period of indolence that some of the more reactionary members of the establishment might imagine. C J A COLEMAN

Sir: It seems Sir Ron Dearing has not carried out his research to a standard acceptable for A-level. May I remind him to be wary of biased sources?

Polegate, Sussex

The present English A-level, far from an easy option, is among the most intellectually stimulating and challenging subjects. Interest fires achievement" perhaps this explains the high grades scored in English A-level

Llandaff Sir: Indeed, "How do you judge

Head Girl,

Howell's School,

English literature against

It would be interesting to know the nature of the research which has shown that from the range of subjects on offer at Alevel "English, business studies. home economics, design and

technology and communication studies [are] the easiest". In the proposals to "toughen" all examinations except maths and science the agenda is not so

If too many students are lured into the study of English and English Literature at Alevel because of false perceptions, at least as English teachers we can hope that the rigours of the subject will hone their critical and analytical skills so that they become sharp enough to dissect edu-politspeak from

ROSEMARY ÓLIVER Head of English, Surbiton High School, Kingston upon Thames.

challenges; changing in appear-

ance, too, as the necessity to

introduce personal protective

equipment gradually renders the

The money for

the Baylis dream

viding seats ar prices the people

can afford. The average ticket

price in 1995 was £10.70. We

earn over £3m a year ourselves

IAN ALBERY

Chief Executive,

Sadler's Wells,

Chief Inspector

Knowsley South Area

Merseyside Police

#### Sir. As an active supporter for many years of the Palestinian people in their struggle for justice and self-determination. I was appalled by the horrific carnage wreaked in Israel over the past week by the suicide bombers of Despite my unreserved con-

Keep the peace

despite Hamas

process alive

demnation of violent acts such as these, however, I feel that it is not simply unfair but highly dangerous to respond by punishing all Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the vast majority of whom are adamantly opposed to such tactics. Sealing off these ter-ritories causes dire economic hardship. The threat of renewed Israeli military activity inside Palestinian areas is also potentially devastating, not least for the

To target the entire Palestinian population is as unreasonable as punishing the Israeli people for the actions of the murderer Baruch Goldstein, who gunned down 30 Palestinitraditional uniform obsolete. It is ans in cold blood in 1994. Rather The demands of today's trust to overcome fear of reprisals worth considering whether than reactions of repression and antagonism, it is imperative that the peace process is advanced with increasing urgency. Only then will the extremists and the PAUL D'DONNELLYutterly deplorable acts of militants on both sides become marginalised.

RICHARD BURDEN MP (Birmingham Northfield, Lab) House of Commons' London SWI

Sir: Peggy England (letter, 29 Sir: The assertion by Hamas that February) queried the costs of running Sadler's Wells and sugthey will end their bombing campaign if the Israelis stop tracking their members should be ridgested that in the 1930s all the money came from the box office. This is not so. Lilian Baylis strugiculed and ignored. It is clear to all involved that Hamas are a gled against all the odds to keep Sadier's Wells open, while many artists worked for love or little group of fanatics committed to wrecking the peace process. They will not stop their unjustified and unprovoked violence until better to keep her dream alive. Major public appeals were mounted in the 1930s to build the the peace process is halted and thus the only viable option open Sadler's Wells Theatre and clear to Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres is to unite against Hamas Sadier's Wells has always fulin order to stamp out the threat filled the Baylis mission of prowhich they pose.

MEHDI HASAN

Sir: Suicide bombers are por-

After such religious education classes we must be thankful that moner. Appeals to the better feelings of the faithful are counterproductive given the ber-ter feelings that they have been

Sir: Israel once again plans to resort to its old failed "iron fist" policy to contain the Palestinians.

It should not be acceptable in a civilised society to turn a blind eye to the violence of Jewish settlers but harshly punish similar acts of resistance by Muslim and Christian Palestinians with collective punishment and expulsions. The mullahs have had far less influence in fuelling resistance by Hamas than Israel with its repression and denial of equal

Nailsea

# Catching the fish | What the police can, and cannot, do to fight crime

Sir: In all the bullabaloo over the European Court's fishing ruling very little bas been said about what could be done right now to

quota hoppers

stop the quota-hoppers. Boats flying a UK flag of convenience have a choice. Fither they must land half their catch in Britain, or they must visit one of our ports at least four times every six months. Why offer the choice? Make it compulsory to do both, and you would change the economics of quota-hopping. The change would not eliminate the practice but would make many trips uneconomic. It could be made at no cost and with no fear of falling foul of Euro-law - it concerns licence conditions, not legislation.

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with another writer who has also

recently turned up in the anniver-

I am not sure what Housman's

reputation is today - quite high with

the Shropshire Tourist Board, I

would imagine, and fairly quiet else-

where - hut it must have been pretty

hig in the Twenties; and this riled DB

Wyndham Lewis considerably, as

he found Housman's Shropsbire

He catches Housman's tone

quite well when he suggests that if

Housman bad written "I'm To Be

Queen of the May!" instead of Ten-

nyson, it would have come out like

Oh Mother, wake and call me, .

It is the First of May!

Whatever may befull me

I simply must be gay Though clammy lies the clay.

On Wenlock Edge the plovers

Depress me with their wail,

It makes me rather pale.

l leave my pet begonia

My mulching iron, 100.

To little Sister Suc.

The lads who were my lovers

If I should carch pneumonia

Through walking in the dew

Are hanged in Shrewsbury Gool,

stuff too gloomy for words.

sary news: AE Housman.

#### public order - but yes, the uni Sir: Peter Waddington's argureduction in crime and disorder. In detecting offenders, it is true form represents authority. The service is changing to meet new

ment ("Finding a real job for Bobby", 1 March) that, as an instrument of crime-fighting, policing is largely an irrelevance relies on throw-away comments overestimated, and it depends so instrument of crime-fighting, which trivialise the work of the much on close contact with the police.

world preclude the "aimless and a belief that "the police can't tomorrow's new-look patrols will wandering around" of patrols. do anything anyway". In my own area, patrois are deployed in accordance with a planned and costed response to because there is no one else to local problems, and results are deal with it; it may be a dispute evaluated in terms of the which poses little or no threat to

that the police are not the main community, developing mutual when people ask the police to public.

intervene in a situation, it is often

Jail employers for workplace deaths

Sir: The Law Commission pro- Enterprise - were not at the time posal to create a new offence of "corporate killing" ("Demand to get tough on firms thar kill", 6 Marcb) will do very little to prevent the 400 deaths a year in Spritish workplaces. British workplaces.

The penalties suggested unlimited fines and remedial action - already exist under the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act. All the Law Commission is proposing is a new name, and a potentially more complicated procedure. The examples they cite - Piper Alpha, King's Cross and the Herald of Free

"There is always," says one of DB Wyndham Lewis's characters,

"something rather Housmannish

happening in Shropshire. It is not

always so with Sussex, which is

owned in equal parts by Mr Belloc, Mr Kipling and Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith. It is not always so with Mr

Hardy's Wessex. But with Shrop-

shire, yes. The civilian population is always being hanged there, for example. Yet a Crimean veteran

died of old age in Ludlow over the weekend. I observe: it is a little dif-

ficult to realise that he, too, was a

Shropshire lad, for they generally

get a huller in the heart soon after

Nor, come to think of it, for rbose

who are unaware of him, have I left

myself space to say anything about DB Wyndham Lewis, one of the best hur most forgotten humorists

of the century. He was not Wynd-

ham Lewis, who was someone much

more serious. He was the very first

Beachcomber - JB Morton came

after him - and be later adopted the

pen-name Timotby Sby, under which pseudonym, unlikely though

it seems, he came to write a novel-

length St Trinian's story for Ronald

More of him some other time, I

Searle's drawings ...

enlistment ...

ther progress will only be achieved with an effective deterrent. The prospect of a jail sentence would convince negligent employers of the seriousness of

JOHN MONKS General Secretary TUC

#### How to outlaw cowboy builders

Sir: If the experience of my own very excellent builder is anything to go by, many property owners only have themselves to hlame for becoming the victims of cowboys ("Warning shot fired at cow-boy huilders", 5 March). Time and again he loses work because too many people are not pre-pared to pay a reasonable price for a first-class job. They go for a cheap quote and ger what they

pay for.

I think they are unable to recognise that those highly skilled in manual work are just as entitled to expect premium payment

for their skills as those who work NORMAN GODFREY

#### Fashion affront

Sir: Your photograph (2 March) from the London Fashion Week seemed a sad reflection on our society. Christians will be journeying through Lent towards Good Friday and the model's mask depicting the crucified Christ seems an affront to the

> PATRICIA FRIEL East Twickenham, Middlesex

## Congress House London WCI

with the pen.

London NW3

#### Ray of sunshine in the forest Sir: What a joy it was to come to the end of the Independent on this

later debts.

dull Monday, 4 March. After the daily dose of deaths, treachery, secret deals, car bombings, rapists, jailings, trapped victims, etc, etc, I stumbled on that day

The "wild rice" Indians of Wisconsin are doing something right and have been doing so for the past 100 years

They have shown Mr Paleface that logging can be profitable. Yes, millions of hucks per annum, without destroying the environment. It would appear that they will be able to continue in the same vein for the next 100 years. They key word was "sustainable".

At last, some journalistic proof that it is still just about politically correct to be human.

peace process.

(aged 16) Harrow, Middlesex

and grant aid totals only £190,000. trayed as terrorists hut they are actually devout young men who helieve, on respected authority, that death will transport them instantly to paradise where they will find. amid fountain-cooled gardens, their martyr's reward.

> suicide attacks are not combrought up to have.
> Dr Richard Dawkins

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# Ireland's peaceful revolution

While British interest has focused on Irish politics, the Republic has undergone an economic miracle

I magine a small country with a population of 3 million or so, with a growth rate last year and this of around 7 per cent, with a current account surplus of 6 per cent of Gross National Product, and with inflation at 2.5 per cent. It is a country second only to Japan in the proportion of young workers with a scientific or engineering degree. And this country will if present growth rates continue, have a higher GNP per head than the UK within a decade.

Now, where is it? It sounds a hit like Singapore five years ago. It is presumably somewhere in East Asia, because that is the only part of the world where there are those growth rates and (sometimes) reasonably low inflation. It could not be Latin America or Eastern Europe because though there are bursts of growth in some countries there, these are invariably associated with sharply rising prices. Obviously the country could not he in Western Europe because the European economy is in trouble.

Wrong. It is the Republic of Ireland, If our minds were not so dominated by political stories about Ireland we sould be seeking the reasons behind this economic story. There would be headlines not about the prospect of another 25 years of the Troubles, but rather about the economic tiger of Europe. A brief visit to Dublin this week has made me ponder why this should be happening, what implica-tions there might be for other coun-tries on the periphery of Europe, and inevitably, what implications economic success in the Republic might have for

The answer to the "why?" starts with a caveat. The figures above are quite correct but they are incomplete. One of the principal reasons for this success story is the large transfer of funds across the exchanges each year from other European Union coun-tries, in practice (since they are the main net contributors) Germany and Britain. This is about £2bn a year, or nearly 4 per cent of GDP - the equivalent of Britain gerting £30 on a year from taxpayers in other countries.

These funds are by no means the whole explanation of the higher growth rate, but they do affect the frish economy in two ways: they lift GDP, and insofar as they are sensibly invested they kick-start the economy

into higher growth.

Thus Ireland looks and feels richer than it otherwise would be, were this transfer not taking place: anyone who knows Dublin but has not been there for a few years would be astounded by the swish feel the place has now. clean hulldings, stylish people, even better restaurants than hefore — and Duhliners always ate well. The coun-try's infrastructure has benefited enormously from this inflow of funds and indirectly this money has flowed through the economy into the evident increase in consumption. But from a long-term economic point of view the greater motor of growth has been the attraction of foreign investment. This has boosted exports and it is export

growth that is driving the economy. There is some debate within Ireland as to just how wise the country has been to "buy" foreign jobs with lavish tax holidays and the like. The criticism



Economic success could lower the barrier to a closer relationship with the north

has been that Irish companies have been penalised in order to bring in foreign ones. Personal taxation remains hurdensome and unemployment at nearly 14 per cent is high even by European standards. But the country has created a new economy based on high-technology manufacturing and

financial services which it did not have 15 years ago. With this type of economy distance is irrelevant. If you export electronic goods the transport costs are tiny in relation to everything else. If you export financial services the transport costs are nil. What you need is young.

well-educated people.

Ireland is the youngest country in Europe, with 28 per cent of its population under the age of 16 (the average is 19 per cent). This puts a hurden on the educational system, but Ireland has

pumped resources into education. The proportion of young people entering higher education has risen from less than 20 per cent in 1980 to 40 per cent now and on present trends will pass 50 per cent by the end of the century.

In the short-term some of this has been "wasted" in the sense that many of these people have been unable to find jobs in Ireland and have emigrated. It has not been wasted as far as the indi-viduals are concerned, but from a national point of view a relatively poor country by European standards has paid to improve the labour stock of other, richer ones. But in the longer run all the evidence is that the higher the levels of education, the greater the potential for job creation: looking ahead, Ireland shows one of the high-est rates of increase in the stock of human capital anywhere in the world.

So Ireland is very well placed to gather a larger share of the new onscreen service jobs - things like han-dling insurance claims for North American insurance companies or running unit trusts for London fund managers. JA friend in that industry told me that it took a quarter of the time to get approval for a new unit trust in Dublin compared to the DTI in London. Result: frequently Duhlin got the business.)

This is tremendously important. In a world where trade is carried out in bytes shot across the fibre-optic cables, comparative advantage lies in human capital. It does not matter where those people are, except in the sense that good people are more easily attracted to pleasant places with decent schools and some cultural life. this success story should continue.

If the fringe can offer that, then the fringe ceases to be at a disadvantage to the core. Ireland's location, which undoubtedly has been an economic handicap in the past might even become an advantage, for it a offers quality of life that for many people is

immensely attractive. You hear quite a lot of this economic triumphalism in Ireland these days and anyone meeting it should remember that there is still a hig economic question mark. It is whether the base is secure enough to withstand the inevitable erosion of the EU subsidy. As Ireland becomes richer it will no longer qualify for such assistance, the EU agricultural subsidies will in any case tend to decline, and as the EU itself expands Ireland will find that there are other countries in eastern Europe that have a stronger claim for whatever funds are available.

Still, 7 per cent growth is not to be sneezed at. Rapid growth is likely to continue. UBS, the Swiss-owned Lon-don investment bank reckons that growth will continue at around 5 per cent through to the end of 1998. And I think this may create a dynamic of

its own.
The point is obvious. Thanks largely to the British taxpaver, Northern Ireland has experienced higher living standards than the Republic. The more the south is an economic success, the smaller that particular barrier to

a closer relationship between the two.

Of course the conflict is not about economics. Nevertheless wealth is a balm, and it seems very much in the interest of both of these islands that

success rate of the Roslin work

pared with numbers of manip-

genetically identical sheep or

cattle, selected to give leaner

meat or healthier milk, will

depend crucially on the effi-

ciency and cost of the Roslin

process compared with con-

ventional breeding techniques.

It will be years before such costs

it is unlikely to replace con-

ventional methods. After all,

Louise Brown, the world's first

buman test-tube baby, is now

nearly 18 years of age, yet IVF

is sought only by those with a compelling medical reason. The rest of us have yet to be

woodd away from the more

The late, great British med-

traditional method.

Cloning humans is illegal in

hecome clear.

# Well, thanks for the memory

Obituaries are becoming a little too frank and fearless, says **Paul V**allely

Compare and contrast:
Douglas Jay had one of the ablest and most original minds in the post-war Labour Party ... a moderniser before his time ... who set himself high standards of public conduct ... his qualities of integrity and modesty earned him the solid respect of colleagues in both the House of Commons and, later, in the House of Lords."

"Jay ... a shambling figure ... his oratory was as mediocre and uninspiring as his appearance ... Stories about his reputed tightness with money abounded ... his attire was such that at

one overseas gathering ... he was mistaken for a tramp and .. one of his suits was accidentally posted off to Oxfam ... [in later years] his passionate anu-Europe campaign ... became

hectoring and unreadable." The former is the obituary of the former cahinet minister which appeared yesterday in the Times. It is an example of the old Augustan style of ohituary writing: cool, restrained and anonymous - the last word on a public figure passed authoritatively by his peers. The latter is the obituary

that was flashed electronically to the nation's newsrooms by the Press Association, the news agency whose words are nor-mally used by national and provincial newspapers and radio stations without checking and without attribution. The Jay family were so offended that the Press Association felt pressed to circulate a PS

recording the family's outrage. How the elegy has changed. Plato set a clear template for this sort of thing some time back: "To honour with hymns and panegyrics those who are - in terms of live births comstill alive is not safe; a man should run his course and make a fair ending, and then we will ulated embryos - is poor. The prospect that we might one praise bim." day see "monocultures" of

And so it went for many years. Praise was the order of the day. Obituaries were largely aimed at the friends and acquaintances of the deceased and were often couched in code which only contemporaries could understand. Even where the code became penetrable by the general reader, the delicate euphemism was maintained: Britain. Even were it permitted. | "fond of the good life" meant the deceased was a drunk: "confirmed bachelor" hinted at homosexuality; "generous" implied a spendthrift, and "he

did not suffer fools gladly" sighreaking with the tradition of anonymity and introducing a

plainer style of writing, fair yet

Each piece was signed by its author, and the pieces were a first go at biography rather than the first attempt at writing official history. The approach was swiftly adopted by the Guardian.

At the same time, Hugh Montgomery-Massingburd took over the Daily Telegraph's obituary pages and, with an acute eye for small detail, turned them into funny and frequently

vulgar character sketches. Before long even the tabloids were at it. When Lady "Bubbles" Rothermere, wife of the owner of the Daily Mail, died. the Daily Express gave the event two whole pages in which its diarist Ross Benson began by informing readers that he malicious". He then went on to aver that so great was her love of parties that she "would attend the opening of an envelope". But this week's Press Association obituary of Lord Jay took everything a step further, it went beyond the merely bitchy into a fully-fledged

The inventor of this latest manifestation of the form – the

'Fond of the good life' in an obituary meant the deceased

was a drunk

obituary as diatribe - was Chris Moncrieff, sometime political editor of PA. Admittedly his diatribe contained a core of neutral facts, but virtually every judgement was negative and the tone almost petulant. "I know the family found it offensive, but I thought it was tair and balanced," insisted a bewildered Monerieff yesterday. "It is just one of 100 ohituaries I've written in the past year. There was no difference in approach and there have been no com-

plaints previously."
All of which might seem a bit rich to those who know Moncrieff. For the man who descrihed Jay as shambling and lacking dress sense was himself best spotted round the Palace and the scruffy hine duffel bag which he used in place of a hriefcase. And this chronicler of James Fergusson, the obit-uaries editor of the *Independent*, revolutionised the form by hreaking with the traditions. once went to interview. But we are getting ahead of ourselves here. We should probably save candid and accessible to all, all that for the obituary.

# Do not cower from science

The news that biologists have successfully cloned sheep is cause for hope, not fear, says Tom Wilkie

For more than 10 years now, the solemn and serious Pellows of the Royal Society, Britain's national academy of science, have been preoccupled with increasing public understanding of science. Judging by the reaction to the news this week that biologists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh have cloned sheep, they have learly failed.

Bafflement tinged with fear appears to have greeted the sight of sheep that have been brought into this world by a process other than traditional. sexual reproduction. The cry has gone up: will the men in white coats do next to us what they have done to the sheep? And there have been the inevitable hackneyed references to Hitlerian eugenics and

The limits of the biologically permissible have been raised in more measured tones elsewhere this week. The seriously intelligent and reasonable Nuffield Council on Bioethics has published a report on the moral acceptability of using genetically engineered pigs as "donors" of organs to be transplanted into people when suitable human organs are not available. And on Wednesday, the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology spent an agreeable couple of bours grilling the Minister for Science, Ian Taylor, on why the Government has no policy to cope with the avalanche of new discoveries made by researchers teasing through the long double helix strand of buman DNA to read all the genetic messages encoded in that molecule.

The hirth of five Welsh mountain lambs, each derived from the same single set of genes, unquestionably represents a technical tour de force in mammalian embryology. Although three died soon after birth, the survival of "twins" nicknamed Megan and Morag visibly demonstrates the high scientific skills of the team at

Yet impressive though this feat is, it has important scientific limitations. Characteristically, these have been ignored by many commentators worried about setting moral limits to what the scientists do.

Scientists have been cloning animals in the laboratory for decades. Mammals are much more difficult, admittedly, than gle-celled egg had grown to a



Woolly debate: a future Hitler could only clone himself at the moment of his own conception

frogs or toads but the first healthy live lambs to be pro-duced by a cloning technique were born more than 10 years ago. It is also nearly 10 years since a "chimaeric" mammal a cross between a sheep and a goat that could never have come into being without the

The cry has gone up: will they do to us what they have done to the sheep?

techniques of genetic engineering - was born in Cambridge. So is any fuss now really justified?

At the very beginning, the Roslin lambs started their journey to life in the traditional manner, with a ram tupping a ewe and its sperm mingled with the ewe's egg. But nine days after fertilisation, when the sin-

has been poorly served by the cavalier way in which Camelot has announced

the ending of the £10 guarantee.

After all, they are the lottery experts and have been able to draw on the experience of decades of lotteries

throughout the world in developing

their proposals. We believe we have

a right to know why Camelot was

happy to launch the game with a £10

pay-out and now, a year later, wants to change the rules. We are aware of

no new factor that it should have been

aware of when it first proposed the

prize structure to Oflot.

little clump of 16 cells, the researchers intervened and dissected out the "embryonic disc" - the part that would otherwise have been destined to grow into a lamh rather than, say, placenta. The researchers cultured the cells from the embryonic disc in the laboratory, per-suading them to continue to live and grow. The establish-ment of this "cell line" is one of the most important achievements of their work.

In effect, from one fertilised egg they now had a "clone", a collection – which they could make as large as they liked - of genetically identical cells available in the laboratory glass-ware. If one cell gave rise to the "birth" of an animal that proved particularly valuable, it vould be possible to produce hundreds of identical copies as long as the other cells had been kept in culture. And, when genetic engineering becomes sophisticated enough, it might be possible to insert DNA leading to desirable characteristics directly into the cells.

Nor need the applications be restricted to farm animals. What would Elvis Presley and those of us who wept with him over the death of "Old Shep" have done if it had been possible to produce that beloved dog in this way? If the original cell line from which Shep sprang had been kept going in the lab-oratory. Elvis could have ordered up a replacement "Shep" - identical in every way to the original new-born puppy that grew into the dog he loved. But Elvis could not have

cloned his dog by taking one of Shep's body cells just before he blew the animal's brains out. Shep's cells were all "differentiated" - they had in effect already chosen to he nerve or muscle or skin cells and not any other sort. The Roslin researchers had to use cells from a very early embryo because only these cells are capable of developing into every other type and thus form-ing all the bissues of a living individual.

For the same reason, clones

of Elvis himself or even of Hitler would have been impossible. It may one day he possihle to clone from differentiated cells, but no one yet knows in

principle how to do so. It is possible in principle to apply the Roslin technique to humans. But some future Hitler

Cloning humans is illegal and is not likely to replace traditional means

could clone copies of himself only if, at the moment of his conception (years before anyone could ever know that he would become a megalomanic dictator), some of his totipotent embryonic cells had been cultured and that culture maintained until his megalomania became evident.

As is to be expected in new scientific research, the overall

ical researcher Sir Peter Medawar noted in a essay written at the beginning of the era of genetic engineering and recombinant DNA: "It is the great glory, as it is also the great threat of science that everything which is in principle possible can be done if the intention to do it is sufficiently resolute. Scientists may exult in the glory, but in the middle of the 20th century, the reaction of ordinary people is more often to cower at the threat."

There are serious people trying soherly to assess what the scientists are doing and what applications of their work we should permit. Sadly, this sterling work has gone unnoticed by those moral commentators whose reaction to Roslin has heen a perhaps secretly enjoyable frisson of fear.

Our own government has heen shamefully negligent. When last July, the House of Commons science and technology select committee pro-duced a report on human genetics (internationally recognised as one of the most comprehensible and sensible expositions of the subject), the Government contemptuously rejected its recommendations. The committee's conclusions are detailed; they are complex: and don't fit into convenient soundbites. But they take up Sir Peter's challenge and, in his own words, reply that science offers "the hope of progress" that we can he in control and we do not need to cower.



In a world of increasing uncertainty, Lover the past 15 months a new certainty has been with us: if you pick three of the six numbers on the National Lottery, you win £10. This was promised by Camelot at its launch, but from 17 March it will disappear and punters will be left on a Saturday night not knowing whether they have won £10 or 10p.

First, I should make it clear that we at William Hill are not opposed to the National Lottery. Throughout the country, good causes have received welcome assistance and practically every household now waits in anticipation that their lives will be changed for ever by the weekly result. However, we consider the public

A £10 pay-out? Don't bet on it

Graham Sharpe

The only reason given for this change in the rules is a need to protect Camelot's profits. To achieve this, the organisers appear to have uncrossed their fingers and stuck them up at the British public. Their action is an abuse of their monopoly position and would not be considered n a normal competitive environment.

Within bookmaking, for example, we offer a Lucky Choice bet involving selecting numbers on the Irish lottery. Regardless of the number of winners, we guarantee a minimum £422 for picking three numbers from the first six drawn. This amount is paid out regardless of the number of winners. Equally, if all our customers back the Grand Nanonal winner, all will he paid regardless of the consequences

to our profits. The vast majority of players have taken to the National Lottery knowing that their chances of winning the

jackpot are millions to one. They ask for no guarantee that they are going to win something. They know it is a gamble and you can win or lose.

Camelot, which thrives on our willingness to gamble, apparently expects to enjoy the benefits without risks. This is not good enough. Yes, we should protect moneys for good causes and taxation; but the operator should have no right to guarantee its profits.

In bookmaking, we can win or lose on any event. We accept that risk. So should Camelot. Surely, with their profits, they can afford to take the occasional risk.

The writer is media relations manager of the bookmakers William Hill.

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CHTY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Pharmaceutical fusion: Biggest merger in history will create 'Novartis', the world's second-largest drugs group, while bid spotlight turns on Zeneca

# Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz to merge into £40bn giant

**MAGNUS GRIMOND** 

Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz of Switzerland rocketed into the record books yesterday after unveiling a £40bn merger plan to create the world's secondlargest drugs group. If com-pleted, the deal would easily be the largest merger on record, but is likely to spell job losses

The companies warned that around 10 per cent of the combined workforce, or 13,000 people world-wide, could be sacked. This may have implications in the UK, where the two companies have 6,000 staff.

The new company, to be called Novartis, would rank second only in market share to Glaxo Wellcome, itself the creation of a £9.3bn takeover last year. The deal will be scrutinised closely by competition authorities in Europe and the US.

News of the merger affected pharmaccuticals shares across Europe as dealers expected it to trigger another wave of consolidation in the pharmaceuticals industry. Before a lull in the recent merger mania, around \$80bn of deals have been done in the industry in the past three ears, Shares in Zeneca of the UK and Schering of Germany rose sharply yesterday. Both are seen as vulnerable to takeover due to their relatively small size compared with the emerging industry giants. Meanwhile, there were falls for potential predators, such as Roche, a Swiss rival to Ciba that has long been tipped as a hidder for Zeneca. and Glaxo Wellcome.

The recent wave of consolidation has come in the wake of the decelleration in the drugs market in the 1990s in the face of increased governmental and consumer attempts to reduce hallooning health-care budgets. This has increased the pressure on companies to cut costs. Ciba

in synergy benefits over three years, with half coming in the first 18 months.

Peter Laing, an analyst with Salomon Brothers, said the latest deal showed that "consolidation in the industry basn't gone away and the pressure to cut costs hasn't gone away. So

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10 Pariodel	Nervous system

of hetween 5 and 10 per cent, rather than the 3 to 4 per cent typical now, he forecast.

Sandoz shareholders will receive 55 per cent of the new company's shares and Ciha shareholders 45 per cent. Ciba's chairman, Alex Krauer, will become Novartis chairman and Sandoz chief executive, Daniel

would release SFr1.8bn (£1hn) Vasella, is to be head of the ex-

I don't think this will be the last."

Middle-sized companies such as Novo of Denmark, Sanofi of France and Schering would all be wondering where their future lay, he suggested. By the end of the century, the top 10 drugs companies would each command world-wide market shares

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2 Sandimmur/	
Neoral	Transplants
3 Tegretol	Narvous system
4 Nitroderm ITS	Cardiovascular
5 Leponexi	
Clozani	Nervous system
6 Zaditen	inflammation,
	respilory*
7 Estradem	Hormone .
	replacement
8 Lamisii	Dermatology .
9 Cibacen/	
Latensin	Cardevascular
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Novartis would have had annual sales of SFr36bn (£20bn) had it been in existence last year, but Ciba-Geigy plans to split off its speciality chemicals division and Novartis will divest its construction chemicals business, leaving turnover of SFr26hn. The new company will focus on pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals, where it will lead the world market.

ecutive committee. Both companies yesterday announced profit increases for 1995. Ciba Geigy's net profits rose 13 per cent to SFr2.16bn, while Sandoz grew 18 per cent to SFr2.04hn. Based on 1995 figures, Novartis would therefore have net in-

come of SFr4.2bn and a dowry

of SFr15bg in cash and mar-

ketable securities. The merger was welcomed by analysts, who highlighted the complementary nature of the two companies' product areas. However, they pointed out that Ciba, for one, may have been pushed to pursue a deal as two of its five most promising new drugs are facing problems. Selfotel, a treatment for strokes, has been withdrawn after poor clinical results last year and Hirudin, an anti-blood clotting

> live up to expectations. Novartis expects to have strong positions in seven therapeutic areas, Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz said. Most of the group's top 10 products are expected to achieve double-digit growth. They include Voltaren, Ciba's arthritis and rheumatism treatment, which achieved sales of SFr1.5hn last year, and Sandimmun/Neoral, which

drug, may have to be abandoned

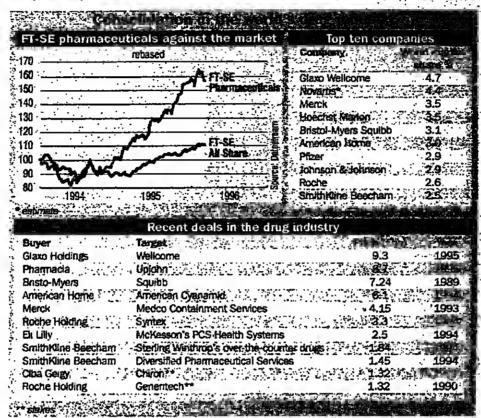
if results out this month do not

notched up SFr1.4bn. In the UK, the two groups are better known for consumer hrands such as Lypsyl, Savlon and Nicotinell, the anti-smoking patches, which are all part of the Ciba portfolio, and Sandoz's Ovaltine. The Ciba workforce in the UK looks the more vulnerable to any job cuts. The company has seven manufacturing sites employing around 4,500, compared with Sandoz's 1,500 employees in the UK. The Transport & General

Workers Union, which has a substantial membership at the two companies, said it expect-



Independent plans: Zeneca's David Barnes dismisses talk of joining with a bigger group



# Takeover talk sends Zeneca shares soaring

per cent to an all-time peak yeserday as the stock market anticipated that the UK pharmaceuticals group would be the next takeover target in the wake of the Sandoz-Ciba-Geigy merger, writes Magnus

Shares in Roche Holding, the Swiss drugs giant which has long been favourite to hid for Zeneca, fell as dealers anticipated it launching a bid as a consolation prize to losing out in the merger of its Swiss rivals.

The 96p rise in Zeneca's share price to £13.77 came in spite of the group's own defiant declaration of independence. Unveiling profits for 1995 at the top end of analysts' expectations, the chief execu-tive, David Barnes, dismissed talk of throwing in his lot with a bigger company. "As far as we are concerned, our policy is to drive the business, which clear-ly has potential for substantial growth, as far and as hard as possible." With seven highly promising new products in the pipeline, we have our hands full and a very rich diet just dri-

ving forward on our own".
Analysts warned that
Zeneca, now valued at £12.5bn by the market, would be ex-pensive at these levels. One said: "To the extent that they are smaller than some of the bigger companies, they are a target. But at this sort of price, it makes it very difficult to jusrify any sort of takeover. I think a merger is much more

The market welcomed the company's figures, which showed underlying profits rising 15 per cent to £878m in the year to December, and news of plans to divest two underperforming activities. An agree-ment has been signed with Sun Chemical Corporation of the US to sell the speciality inks business for \$62m, while discussions are taking place with a number of parties for the dis-

Shares in Zeneca jumped 7.5 eration. The two divisions form part of Zeneca's specialities activities, which, with profits flat at £56m, was the only area of the group not to raise its returns busines

last year.

John Mayo, finance director, said margins in specialities would rise to above 8 per cent. np from 5.4 per cent in 1995, once the disposals were completed. The news comes hot on the heels of February's dispos-al of a half-share of the seeds business, which is expected to climinate losses, which more than doubled to £48m last year.

Zeneca also won full marks from analysts for the perform. mance of its core pharmaceuticals husiness. Drugs sales advanced 10 per cent to £2.16bn, the first time they

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have broken through the £2bn mark, sending profits before ex-ceptionals 9 per cent ahead to £687m. US sales growth at 10 per cent outpaced the market by 4 percentage points, led by Zeneca's best-selling Zestril blood pressure and heart drug. Exceptional items of £259m

had been foreshadowed in pretotal, £197m related to a goodwill write-off on the sale of the seeds stake and a further £65m concerned to a restructuring programme unveiled earlier

The company revealed that 550 jobs out of a total workforce of 31,500 would be lost as a result of the rationalisation. In the UK, 370 jobs are to go, principally as a result of the Laser Project to rationalise the man-

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# Swiss create chemical solution despite wars, cartels and spillages

There is more than a touch of déjä vn about the proposed marriage between Sundoz and Ciba-Geigy. The companies have long and similar histories and worked extremely closely together for the first half of this century, writes John Shepherd.

Ciba-Geigy started life in 1758 when Johann Geigy started selling spices and natural dyes. The Ciha part of the business was not really formed until almost a century later when Alexander Clavel started to take advantage of the development of synthetic dyes.

By 1900, Ciba, an acronym for Gesellschaft für Chemische Industrie im Basle, had become Switzerland's leading chemical company and benefited greatly for a few years from the collapse of the huge German chemical cartel during the First World War. However, the German cartel was reassembled as 1G Farben soon after the war and the Swiss had little option but to form their own cartel called Basel

Sandoz. The Swiss companies, which shared profits, technology and mar-

AG, comprising Ciba, Geigy, and

ter than the German cartel and diversified into pharmaceuticals and other chemicals.

In 1929, the German and Swiss cartels merged and a couple of years later the French and British equivalents were brought into the fold. The so-called Quadrapartite Cartel lasted until the outbreak of the Second World War; leaving only the cosy Swiss grouping intact. The Swiss also made a hig hreak-

through during the first year of the Second World War when Paul

ed DDT - a compound which won him a Nobel prize.

The cartel lasted until 1951 when the three Swiss companies decided that they no longer needed the pro-tective cartel umbrella and went their separate ways

Ciba and Geigy continued to diversify. During the 1950s Geigy expanded rapidly, finding new markets in agricultural chemicals. By the late 1960s its sales were greater than

Ciba's. Fresh and intense competition

perial Chemical Industries brought Ciha and Geigy hack logether again. Ciba and Geigy merged in 1970 and expanded rapidly through acquisitions in the US, including

Airwick Industries and Funk Seeds: The acquisitive policy continued in the 1980s, and Ciba-Geigy also. began forming joint ventures. One of the most notable was the link-up in 1986 with Chiron to produce and market genetically engineered vaccines. It bought Maag AG, the agrochemicals business, from Hoff-

the break-up of the Swiss cartel; Sandoz was busily diversifying. ft moved into the seeds business, buying Minacapolis-based Northrup, King & ing investments in two American Company and the Dutch-based

During the 1980s it bought Wasa, a Swedish crispbread company, and the Master Builders construction chemicals business from Martin Marietta.

All the success, however, was marred in the company's centenary year in 1986 when a warehouse fire spilled tons of chemicals into the Additional reporting by Bloomberg

Muller, a scientist at Geigy, invent- from foreign companies such as Im- mann-La Roche in 1990. Following Rhine, killing fish and contaminating water as far away as the North Sca. The 1990s has again been a peri-

od of diversification, involving buy-

biolechnology companies - Genetic Therapy and SyStemix. Today, some 45 per cent of sales

come from pharmaceuticals. 18 per cent from nutrition products, 14 per cent from chemicals and the rest from : agroproducts, seeds, and construction and environmental chemicals.

#### BSkyB's European partners label its statement 'premature'

**MATHEW HORSMAN** 

The satellite broadcaster BSkvB was "premature" in announcing on Wednesday a \$270m investment in the German pay TV market, its two Continental partners, Bertelsmann and Canal Plus, said yesterday.

Confirming that a pan-European pay TV alliance involving the three companies, and including Havas, the French media company, had been agreed, both Canal Plus and Bertelsmann cautioned vesterday that BSkvB's investment in Premiere, the German pay-TV channel they share with the media giant Kirch, had yet to be finalised.

"The announcement in London was premature." Laurent Perpere, finance director at Canal Plus, said. "Any change in Premiere's ownership requires that we discuss it with all the part-ners," including Kirch, which is believed to be resisting the ad-

dition of BSkyB to the venture. He added, however, that there were "legal methods" that could allow a Premiere deal to go through without the sup-port of Kirch. According to informed sources in London. Canal Plus, Bertelsmann and BSkyB have already agreed such methods, which lawyers advise could allow the deal to procced without Kirch's support. Yesteray's confusion was

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rooted in a raging battle between Kirch and Bertelsmann over digital TV technology, with the two companies backing different set-top boxes. Kirch has developed its own decoder for digital TV signals, and is fighting to ensure that it is accepted as the standard in Germany. Bertelsmann prefers the Seca

standard developed by Canal Plus, which will be adopted by the new BSkyB-Canal Plus-Bertelsmann alliance. BSkyB shares rose sharply in London, gaining 24p to 423p. Canal Plus shares, which had been suspended on Wednesday pending the announcement. gained 16 per cent in heavy

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Signs of high street recovery fail to dash City rate-cut hopes

There were new signs of a recovery on the high street ves-terday, even as the City waited for the Chancellor to cut the cost of borrowing for the third time in four months in order to stimulate the economy.

New figures from the Confederation of British Industry and the John Lewis Partnership con-firmed a pick-up in retail spending. But the CBI said signs of tified an interest rate cut. A quarter-point reduction in base rates is widely expected this morning after yesterday's meeting between the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke year of 1988/89. Sales were 9 per

and Eddie George, the Governor cent higher at £2.8bn. The part-of the Bank of England. cent higher at £2.8bn. The part-nership's 35,000 staff will share

The CBI's survey of the distributive trades showed that the volume of retail sales rose for the fifth-month running in February. The momentum of spending had extended beyond Christmas and the January sales. John Lewis recorded record

profits of £150m in the year to. January 1996 with both department stores and the Waitrose supermarkets turning in impressive performances. This was not only 28 per cent higher than the pervious year's fig-ure of £117m but also higher than the previous record of

nership's 35,000 staff will share £57m of the profits. This means a 15 per cent bonus which is equivalent to eight weeks salary each. Though well short of the 24 per cent bonus received dur-

year's ago. Stuart Hampson, chairman of John Lewis, said there were signs of recovery in the high street and the housing market. with sales of furnishings and television and audio equipment up strongly. "Something is happening," he said. "There may not be a feel-good factor but there is a Year or to had form."

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# Ladbroke talks with US Hilton

TOM STEVENSON

A deal between Ladbroke and Histon Hotels Corporation of the US looks increasingly likehy after it emerged yesterday that chief executive Peter George has been holding talks with Steve Bollenbach, the new head of the American hotels group.

Mr George is eager to forge links between Ladbroke's Hilton International subsidiary and the US business from which it was spun off in the 1960s. Such a deal could pre-empt the bid for Lad-hroke which the market believes Bass or Whithread is

John Jackson, chairman, yesterday poured cold water on bid speculation. "Nobody has approached us and if anybody did they would find we are well prepared and if unwelcome would receive a warm reception," he said.

Confirming the improved chance of a deal with Hilton Corp. Mr George said: "Bolenbach being there increases the chances of co-operation. He recognises that our sharing the same brand name means there. must be benefits in doing things together." This could involve cooperation on sales and marketng or it could go further. Ladbroke announced disap-

pointing figures for the 12 months to December. Group profits of £121.3m were down on 1994's £128.5m. despite higher and betting saw a collapse from

£97.7m to £58.1m as the National Lottery hammered profits at Vernons pools and Ladbroke betting shops.

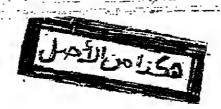
Announcement of the profits fall coincided with a call from the betting industry to the government to level the playing field with the lottery. Philip Jarrold, managing director of Vernons, told Parliament's National Heritage Committee that the company had cut back its workforce to 625 from over 1,000 in re-



executive Peter George

sponse to the lottery. Ladbroke took as exceptional charge of £25.9m last year, including £8.7m of reorganisation costs in betting and gaming operations.
A further 100 jobs were cut

vesterday with the announcement that Ladbroke was combining its group headquarters in London with the offices of the profits from Hilton. Gaming hotel business at Watford, Herts. Investment Cokums, page 21



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# City gambles on Ladbroke bid

No one will be too worried by yesterday's pretty dismal figures from Ladbroke, the Hilton hotels to Vernons
ratio of about 20 the shares, down 0.5p

f120m relating to last November's restructuring of the European operations.
The difficulties have continued in the in guessing if a bid is on the way, who inevitable developments. will make it and what they will be pre-

pared to pay.

If it doesn't materialise, attention will focus on whether the company can stitch up a deal with Hilton Hotels Cor-poration, which owns the US hotels. Undernew boss Steve Bollenbach the American business is known to be keen The paper iodustry is notoriously to forge at the very least a world-wide marketing link with the international arm it now regrets selling off.

Chief executive Peter George has done a reasonable job in clearing up the mess left by his predecessors, selling Texas Homecare to Sainsbury and winding down the ill-conceived property portfolio, but many of the prob-lems he faces at Ladbroke are out of his cootrol.

Profits for the year to December of £121.3m were bang in line with expectations, £7.2m below 1994's pre-ex-stocking continued. ceptional oumber and, as forecast, clobbered by the impact of the National Lottery oo the betting side. Earnings per share of 7.46p, again before exceptionals, only just covered an unchanged divideod of 6p.

Last year really was a game of two halves for Ladbroke. The Hilton botels husiness moved nicely ahead from £126.8m to £150.2m, with occupancy edging ahead from 66.8 per cent to 69 per cent, driven by the buoyant Loodon market. It was a nice cushion, but not enough to make up for a disastrous

12 months for gaming and hetting. There were problems across the division, with retail betting and Vernons suffering from the introduction of scratch cards, credit betting (accounts for overseas high-rollers) slumping af-ter a strong 1994 and profits in America failing to keep up with rising sales. Overall the division saw profits collapse from £97.7m to £58,1m.

Elsewhere in the group, profits from the property portfolio were sharply re-duced from £32m to £23m as buildings are gradually disposed of. That unhappy adventure should be history within a couple of years.
So what is Ladbroke really worth?

Break-up valuations of more than 200p have been touted which provides some support if you believe a bid from, say, Bass or Whitbread is a possibility. If not, analysts believe some sort of marketing deal with Hilton Corp

pools to betting shops group. The real at 183.5p. are expensive on fundainvestment interest in the company lies mental measures. Hold on for the

#### Ario bears scars of price war

volatile, subject to wild swings in pa-per prices and dramate shifts in demand. Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French group, failed to escape those gyrations last year and has spent much of the last six months warning oo

profits. Arjo's problem is that it has been faced with a slump in demand as customers used up stocks while they waited for the soaring price of paper to fall. The first half was decent enough but

Yesterday's full-year figures bore the by just 10 per ceot to £207m. But half of that was wined that was wiped out by charges of

early months of this year. Sales volumes are still weak and prices are coming under increased pressure. Though the worst of the de-stocking appears to be over in Europe, the slowing of some economies such as France, Germany and North America is likely to delay

On the bright side, the pulp price is finally beginning to fall which will help Arjo's margins. Pulp prices reached more than \$1000 per tome last autumn and the price has been falling steadily to \$600. It is not clear how much further it has to fall but at the bottom of the last cycle pulp prices went as low as \$400.

The good news for Ario is that though it has been ravaged by the cy-cle it looks reasonably well placed for an upturn. It has a good geographic spread and has been expanding into the 'added value" coated-paper market via the acquisition of the Newton Falls mill in the US last year. This will halance the group's interest in the marure but battle scars. Pre-exceptional profits fell still cash generative carbonless paper

With analysts forecasting profits of

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bounce since the end of last year when they fell to 100p. Up 8p to 210p vesterday they are high enough.

#### Overseas boost for Sun Alliance

Sun Alliance closed a better-than-expected insurance reporting season vesterday on a positive note, with 1995 operating profits up 59 per cent at £480m. The market was particularly cheered by the 43 per cost increase in net asset value to 413p, which helped fund a dividend increase at the top end of the range to 17.25p.

Even though Sun Alliance turned an underwriting profit in its core British market, despite increased competition, the real bright spot in these results was the steady growth of overseas business. which now accounts for over 50 per cent of premium income compared with 23 per cent in 1988. Underwriting results in Europe and Australia outpaced expectations.

In 1995, Sun Alliance's life assurance premiums were almost flat at £1.26bn. while shareholders' profits increased to £94m from £72m. The company believes the worst of the problems facing the industry in the UK are over, reflected in a year-on-year rise in both single and new annual premiums so far in 1996, after a good final quarter in 1995. On the general insurance side, premiums increased to £3,6bn from £3,4bn, and the underwriting result showed a much improved loss of £31m compared with £127m last time.

What sets Sun Alliance apart from other composites is its determined build-up of a sizeable war chest. The solveocy margin was up to 82 per cent at the end of last year. The group is on the prowl in the Par East and Europe. possibly the US, and would not turn up its nose at a life mutual here at home.

Given its lack of premium income relative to its rivals, and the prospective loss of business from former partners the Halifax in the UK and Chubb in the US, pressure is growing to make an acquisition. There is certainly value in the shares, with a prospective yield of 5.8 per cent, but with an aquisition looming, and the UK under-writing cycle beading downwards, don't expect fireworks.

#### John Willcock CITY DIARY

# Does Marketing Malaise rot your underpants?

British Marketing Malaise." So said Sir Michael Perry, chairman of Unilever, yesterday in his keynote speech at the City University Business School. Can this be the same Unilever that presided over the so-called "rotting Y-froms" saga, when a rival company showed that Unilever's Persil Power could

cause damage to clothing? Sir Michael said that whatever Britain's role would be by the millennium, it would be determined by marketing. Perhaps a little market testing would be in order as well.

Mrs Beetnn - management guru. The London Business School is championing the 19th century authoress, who wrote arguably the most influential cookbook cum housekeeping guide ever, as a sage for today.

Rohin Wensley, professor of strategie management and marketing at Warwick Busi-ness School, wrote in the spring edition of the LBS Strategy Review that Isahella Beeton's book throws light "on two modern management dehates; the relationship between strategic and operations management; and order/bureactacy as against

adaptahility/ehaos. And there I was thinking it was all about getting up early and keeping the servants in order. Isabella had completed her 1,112-page book in the 1860s aged just 25, and died



Ostrich meat. Yum yum. Maoy oow view it as preferable to BSE-riddeo beef. The booming world of astrich breeding was thrown into disarray this week, however, when the Advertising Standards Authority upheld a complaint against the Pinstripe Farming Company, Sandbach, Cheshire, Pinstripe had claimed in an ad for investment in ostrich farming that "Demand will exceed supply for the oext 7-10 years." The ASA found that pinstripe could oot substantiate the claim.

Step furward the Ostrich Farming Corporation, Europe's biggest breeder with 2,000 birds in Belgium. On Monday the Corporation urged the British Domesticated Ostrich Association to tighten up its code of ethics to prevent such ahuses in future. "We felt it was time to sort out the industry. A lnt of farms don't understand what you can and can't do to advertising," said Robin Higgens of the Corporation. Quite right. The industry cao't keep its head in the sand...

certainly teaches a lesson about Getting On With It.

Princess Diana is to head a charity funded by people donating 10 per cent of their windfalls from building society conversions, if freelance butler Michael Hardern has his way. Mr Hardern wrote to the Princess's press representative Jane Atkinson last weekend about the scheme, which he reckons could raise around

 6bn for good causes.
 He has already formed a lobby group, Members of Conversion, which is urging all remaining societies to convert and shower their members with one-off payments. Cur-rently Mr Hardern is pursuing a scheme to get five sympathisers on to the board of Nationwide Building Society, which remains resolutely mutual.

Any charity scheme would have to receive the money automatically on conversion. Mr Hardern stressed. "Once people get their sticky hands on the money they tend not to want to hand it back."

The world of shooting collided with that of oil at the Turf Club in London's Carlton House Terrace last night. Britain's oil moguls like shooting together since they all have stakes in each other's oil rigs and Scottish grouse moors are conveniently close to the North Sea oil fields.

The first ever Annual Shooters' Supper was attended by 34 moguls, and amid the talk of buckshot they made a number of awards. Colin Moynihan, the former sports and energy minister, was voted "most boring guest", "Dresser of the year" was John Kennedy. chief executive of Dresser Industries, which builds oil ries. Russell Harvey, head of Lasmo North Sea, won "Shot of the year" and Graham Hearn, chairman of Enterprise Oil, was voted "bost of

# Cookson keeps up pace of recovery with 50% rise

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The dramatic recovery at the circuit hoard to octamics group Cooksoo cootinued in 1995 as strong sales growth and margin improvement sent profits and cash flow soaring.

Richard Oster, chief ex- cent. ecutive, said: "Global expansion, a clear focus oo oew product development and customer ser-vice have enabled the group to grow its major businesses de-spite the increasingly competi-tive environment."

Pre-tax profits jumped 50 per cent to £181m (£121m) after a 15 per cent rise in sales to £1.8bn was compounded by a widening in operating margin from 9 per cent to 11.1 per cent.

Mr Oster said a 15 per cent re-turn oo sales was achievable to generate £50m compared with put Cooksoo on a par with diversified rivals such as BTR, TI and Williams.

Last year's improved result means profits have soared from under £20m in 1991, wheo the return on sales was under 7 per

That rise meant the company was able to pay a final divi-dend 18 per ceot higher at 4.5p to give a full-year payout 14 per cent better at 8p. Cooksoo's shares, which have tripled in valoe over the past four years. closed 7p lower at 318p as the market paused for breath after the past year's strong outperformance.

The biggest surprise to ana-

last year's £17m absorption. That put Cookson on track to meet its target of generating £500m over the next four years from debt and internal cash flow for investment in its four maio

businesses. Mr Oster said the key to Cookson's success over the past few years was a constant drive to create new products. He estimated that a quarter of the company's profits in five years' time would come from products

not yet in existence. Electronics, which makes circuit boards and is one of Cookson's fastest-growing markets, saw profits rise 52 per cent to £80m as demand from comlysts was a big swing in Cook- puter, mobile phone and car

manufactuers remained high. The company estimates that the electronic content of cars will double over the next 10 years. maintaining the division's momentum.

lo ceramics, the refractories business continued to grow faster than the steel industry it mainly serves by taking market

The ceramics supplies business, a joint venture with Johnson Matthey, also made good progress in its first year of

Thanks to the group's cash generation and a £193m rights issue a year ago at 175p the balance sheet remained strong, with gearing at the year end down to 6 per cent from 36 per

30 per cent of all commercial

aircraft sales last year, the high-

est market share it has achieved.

"We have had five years of very difficult circumstances when we have had to pursue

some very difficult policies. But

we are beginning to get the pay

off now and we are starting to

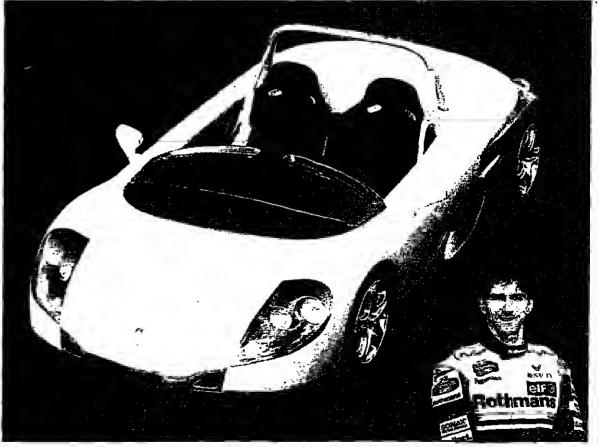
The profits included a £30m

Since last year, R-R has

steadliy won engine orders and seen a rise in its share price, up

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS** 



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#### previous year's growth while special engineering made up for a slow start to the year with a better second half. The shares closed 8p higher at 345p after a 10 per cent rise in the dividend to 11.5p. Bus stop success for More O'Ferrall

Outdoor advertising company More O'Ferrall saw pre-tax profits climb 58 per cent to £15m, buoyed by strong growth in its back-lit bus shelter operations. Turnover rose 18 per cent to £87m, with the UK and Ireland responsible for the bulk of the business. French and Belgian subsidiaries saw profits decline, as the company blamed economic conditions and increased competition.

IN BRIEF

Hinsdown Holdings, the Typhoo tea and Hartley's jams food group, slumped to an £11m loss last year after heavy exceptional charges. This compared to a £173m profit last year. The charges includ-

ed a £142m write down on its stake in Maple Foods of Canada

which it sold last year. Profits were also dented by soaring raw

material costs, particularly in packaging and the hot summer which affected the third quarter. Operating profits edged up from £138m

to £142m. Sales from cootinuing operations rose from £2.5bn to

Profits at building products and engineering group IMI jumped 24 per cent to £105.8m last year as three out of four divisions increased both sales and profits. Building products maintained its

recent growth record, fluid power ootched up a second year of

substantial profit improvement, drinks dispensing held onto the

Hillsdown slumps to £11m loss

Growth continues at IMI

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#### Rolls-Royce bullish as profits take off

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine and industrial power group, re-ported a sharp rise in profits yesterday as the company forecast that the airline industry was at last picking up after five years

After reporting a 74 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £175m for last year, chairman Sir Ralph Robins said that the company was seeing growth in its important markets and had captured a greater share of the commercial cogine market.

There has been speculation that R-R was selling its big Trent engine at below cost in or- 5p yesterday to 215p. Group

see market growth," he said. contribution from US aircraftengines company, Allison, which R-R bought early last year. There was an exceptional gain from asset sales of £32m.

der to win lucrative spares sales, but Sir Ralph denied this. R-R said it was closing the gap on rival US engine-makers General Electric and Pratt &

sales were £3.6bn, up from £3.16bn. The company warned it faces a downturn in military projects but said the civil aviation industry Whitney, R-R captured nearly was showing signs of recovery.

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Arjo Wingins (F)	3.57bn (2.92bn)	72.0m (217m)	230 (17.90)	7.50 (7.50)
CKN (F)	3.30bn (3.09bn)	322m (200m)	\$3.90 (25.30)	24.00 (21.50)
1942 (F) .	1.32m (f.15m)	87.2m (\$6.3m)	16.4p (Ep)	11.50 (10.50)
Ladiacite (F)	3.85bn (4.41bn)	95.4m (-230m)	5.140 (-26.470)	6p (6p)
More O'Ferrell (F)	87.3m (73.8m)	15.0m (9.5m)	29.9p (18.8p)	14p (13.2p)
Rolls-Royce (F)	3.21bn (3.16bn)	175m (10fm)	(0.5p (6.58p)	Sp (5p)
See Alliance (F)	- (-)	546m <i>(847</i> m)	48.40 (30 80)	17 25p (15.75p)
Zeneca (F)	4 90ta (4.48bn)	619m (859m)	35.5¢ (45.8p)	31p (28.5p)

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

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# market report/shares

## Investors turn to drugs and water to provide a surge DATA BANK

FT-SE 100 3758.2 -0.7 Takeover speculation in drugs and water shares came to the FT-SE 250 4280.0 +3.3 rescue of the stock market. FT-SE 350 The £41bn Swiss drugs merger put Zeneca on a high 1882.3 unch

> The rest of the market tended to drift, awaiting the hopedfor interest rate cut and, in a few instances, ruffled by results. Zeneca was comfortably the best-performing blue chip, soaring 9op to 1.377p in heavy

and Wessex Water's pursuil of

The proposed Sandoz-Ciba Ceigy merger immediately concentrated minds on the moves it could provoke in the already bid-happy drugs industry. Zeneca, so often the rumoured victim of the two Swiss giants, was designated the most likely target for one of the other hig groups threatened by the new Swiss concentration.

often linked with Zeneca, was seen as an obvious predator. Glaxo Wellcome, which this week admitted that it needed an acquisition to keep up its momentum, is also in the South West Water lifted the frame.

temperature in the water Zeneca's latest embarrassment in the glare of the takeover spotlight occurred when the group could have hoped to throw off the speculative yoke - by producing a splendid round of profits. But all the old arguments have returned to haunt it. It looks a sitting duck and unless it can fall to a predator. ow through takeovers it will

Glaxo shares, partly re-flecting the possibility of bid action, fell 30p to 846p, a two-day fall of 74p.

SWW foamed 70p to 608p on the Wessex interest. The possibility of action among possibility of action among the other privatised water companies lifted Anglian 8p to 877p. Cable and Wireless was 596p: Severn Trent 9p to 657p actively traded ahead of a con-



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stack market reparter

of the year

ference due to be held today

by its Hongkong Telecom off-shoot. The shares ended firmer

De La Rue dipped 25p to

721p following disappointment with the performance of its

German subsidiary.

hid hopes faded.

and Southern 39p to 736p. Wessex sank 20p to 324p. The FT-SE 100 index ended 0.7 points lower at 3,758.2; the supporting index again demonstrated the growing re-silience of second-liners, gaining 3.3 points to 4,280, its fifth consecutive peak.

Vickers, the engineering group famed for Rolls-Royce cars, retreated another 18p to 260p. GKN's declaration that it had no intention of bidding added to the damage done by Wednesday's indication that profits growth this year will be with Argyll up 13p at 316p and J Sainsbury 6p to 385p. BSkyB, the satellite televi-

sion group, jumped 24p to 423p following its German TV deal. Granada rose 11p to 739p on renewed hopes that it was near to unloading some of the assets acquired with Forte. Whithread, 7p up at 708p, remains the favourite to buy the chain of Welcome Break motorway services areas. A decision is due this weekend on the sale of most of the White Hart country hotels to Regal Hotels.

still suspended at 44p.
Viewinn, providing hotel guests with access to comput-Banks were weak as interest rate cut hopes were seen to be diminished by the strongererised data, held at 300p. The than-expected distributive trades survey. Standard Charshares were floated in Detered retreated 13p to 625p as cember at 100p. The market has been desperately short of stock, a situation which could Elsewhere Yorkshire Elecbe alleviated by the sale of 50,000 shares by GFM In-ternational, the US group. Pan Andean, seeking oil tricity, another which recently enjoyed high-voltage bid hopes, fell 18p to 775p. Su-permarkets continued to score

and gas in Bolivia, jumped op

to 47p as stories went around of strikes near one of its blocks. But Tullow Oil failed to sustain Wednesday's excitement on talk of British Gas Interest, falling 1.25p to 78p. Clyde Petroleum was busily traded, gaining 4p to 66p on specula-tion of developments in

Capital & Western Estates, a residential property group arrived on AIM this week. The shares traded at 2p.

Renishaw, an electronic to 453p, reflecting an 87 per cent profit increase. A 58 per cent profit advance lifted More O Ferrall, the advertising group, 38p to 585p.

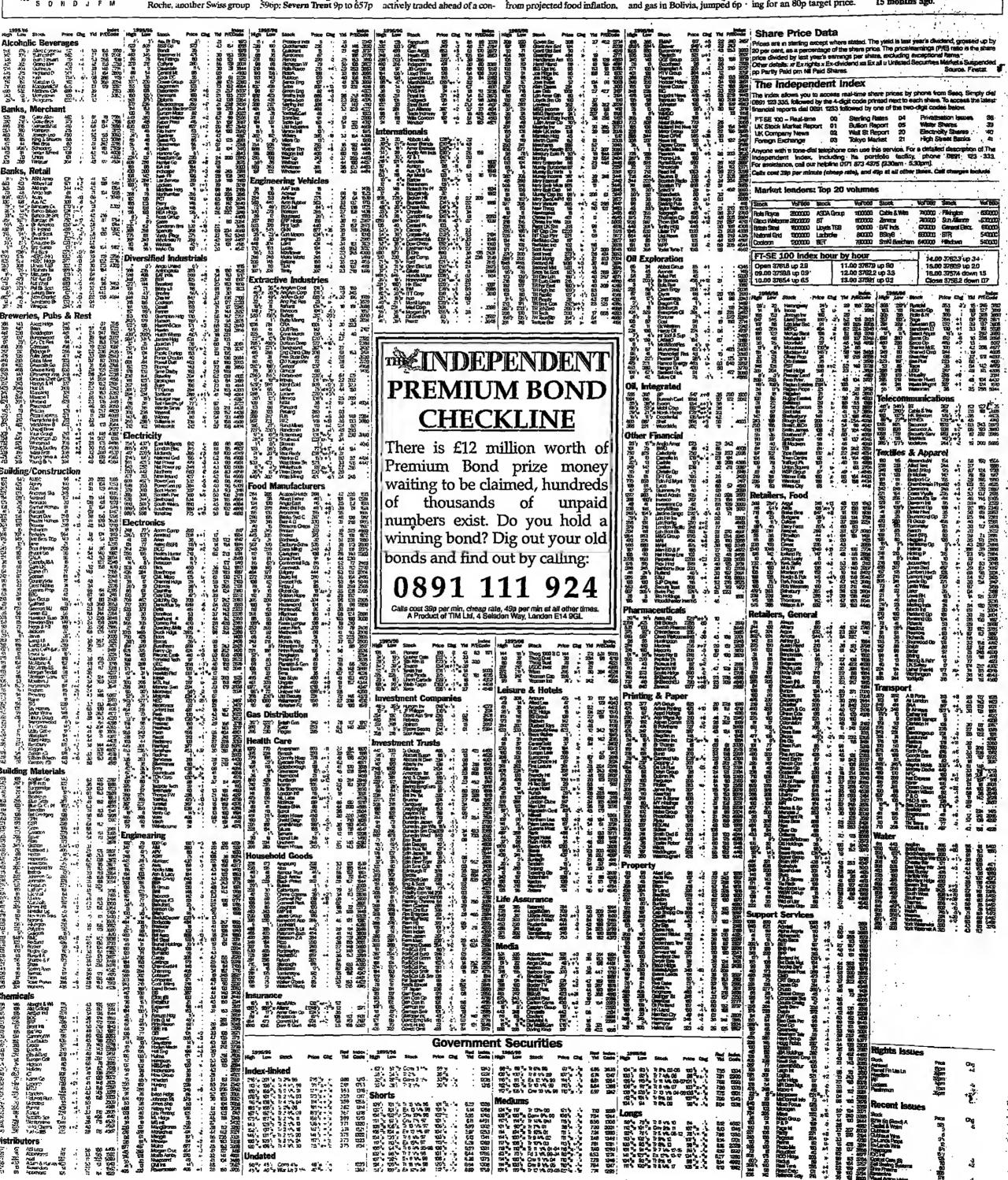
Ransomes, the lawnmower maker rescued from near-disaster, held at 67p. Merrill Lynch believes profits this year could hit £14.3m (against £9.2m) with £17.4m predicted for next year. Merrill is looking for an 80p target price.

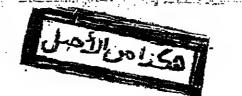
Queens Moat Houses, the debt-laden hotel group, has experienced a see-saw week; yesterday gaining 1,75p to 19,25p, just below the best level achieved since last year's restructuring. On every yardstick the shares. which have been briskly trad-

TAKING STOCK

ed this week, are expensive. But interest in them is fuelled by the suspicion corporate action could soon emerge. The reclusive Barclays brothers have been linked with the group and there have been suggestions Stakis, the acquisitive Scottish group, ould be interested.

TRichard Course who used to run Arcon International Resources, is thought in be near to bringing a gold mining company to the stock Professor Conroy quit Arcon 15 months ago.





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# Big risks and a dubious deal for taxpayers in the nuclear sell-off

As investors are deluged over the coming months with information to persuade them to buy into the £2.6bn privalisation of British Energy this summer, a little historical perspective would not go amiss.

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Reading the impressive financial forecasts this week by BZW, the Government's City advisers, it is hard to remember what a laughing stock the nuclear generating and construction industry has made of itself over much of the last three

Look at the record of Dungeness B, one of the power stations investors are being asked to buy. Though admittedly the worst of the bunch, it has a claim to be the biggest industrial dis-aster in British history.

Important components of the reactor did not fit when they were brought on site, so the steel lining had to be rehuilt at huge expense. The contractor went hust, the whole sorry project took nearly 20 years to finish six or seven years is the norm and after the station started operating in 1983 weld problems kept output low for many years.

As recently as last year fresh problems with welds in the pipework forced a shutdown and lengthy repairs, making the company's boast a few months before that the rogue station had at last been tamed



INDUSTRY VIEW

PETER RODGERS

The other six nuclear power stations of the same gas-cooled generation have a mixed record. Astonishingly, this small batch of power stations was huilt to four different designs and, as a group, this has made them even more of a chronic burden on the power industry's technical re-

sources over the years than if they had been all of a kind. It was almost certainly the hlunders of the advanced gascooled reactor programme, and not the environmental lobby or the scares resulting from foreign nuclear accidents, that nearly

wind out the British nuclear

engineering industry. These AGR stations make up the bulk of what is being offered for

History is bunk, the Department of Trade and Industry and its advisers might well say. How very unfair to raise problems that were long ago solved and rub them in the faces of the excellent engineers who are now running the plants up to record

levels of output. British Energy and its component parts, Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, have that has never been seen before. spent five hard years since the rest of the generating industry

was privatised making their output as a percentage of max-power stations more efficient imum theoretical output over a and preparing them for sale.

Nuclear Electric has also built a £2.5bn American-designed pressurised water reactor at Sizewell B in Suffolk on time and to cost. The industry is very different now.

This is certainly true. But the chequered history is worth re-peating as a useful reminder that predictions by engineers about long-term nuclear performance ought to be taken with a large pinch of salt, especially when they are critical to the val-

uation of the company. It so happens that one of the key assumptions in BZW's forecasts is that the performance of British Energy's power stations will continue rising - to a level

The brokers assume for their forecasts that nuclear station

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imum theoretical output over a year will rise from the most recent figure of 74.5 per cent to a load factor of \$2.5 per cent.

per cent and an 85 per cent load ther side of the base case - rep-

This is, of course, a conven 135 years, radiation scares or the threat of an accident.

Indeed BZW's achievement

For sophisticated investors the accounting magic of the dis-count rate has shrunk the cost of Dungeness B hecause of

The difference between an 80 factor - a mere 2.5 per cent ciresents a £700m variation in the valuation of the company. It would not take many more defective welds for the whole arithmetic to be shot to pieces.

tional enough problem, which investors face every time they put money into an engineering project. It has little to do with better-known fears about nuclear power, such as the longterm costs of decommissioning reactors over periods of up to

in its number-crunching is that it may have cleared away what a year or two ago appeared the higgest financial obstacle of all to a privatisation, the longterm cost of station decommissioning and waste treatment.

British Energy will have an unusual balance sheet, dominated by frighteningly huge shares in a utility. provisions of £14bn for its long-

term liabilities.



Power failure: Dungeness B, part of this nuclear complex in Kent, has a claim to be

cal and environmental issues would, for example, knock dustry, now it has abandoned able proportions.

Even big changes in liabilities expected many years ahead - for example an unexpected dou-bling in British Energy's share of the cost of a new waste disposal facility - will have a relatively small present cost. The same applies to variations in de-commissioning costs or the impact of tighter safety and environmental standards.

This arithmetic protects cash flow over the next decade and therefore the all-important ability to pay a high and rising stream of dividends, without which the City will not huy

According to BZW, all the vestors in fact arise from rather

that they are - to quite accept- £500m off the £2.4bn-£2.8bn valuation put on the company.

The higgest threat of all, says BZW, would be from a collapse in the price at which electricity is traded in the pool. If it fell from 2.4p a kilowatt hour to 2p, £750m would disappear from the valuation.

The risks are not all one way. If the electricity price rose to 2.7p there would be an £850m boost to the value of British Energy. and there would be a bonus of £700m if there were a five-year extension of the life of the AGRs.

Conventional though they are, the scale of the risks is likely to make British Energy hard to sell at a premium price, even assuming the Government agrees the hig debt write-offs the company has demanded.

The company has yet to spell out its real objectives, other than of these risks - emotive politi- technical or safety problems managing the decline of an in- the taxpayer.

plans to build another nuclear station. And the lure for investors of efficiency gains is modest compared with earlier privatisations, because so much has been done to improve the

company over the last five years. In fact, if BZW's financial projections are right, they could make a good case for keeping British Energy in the public sector for the moment, rather than selling it cheaply in a hurry

ahead of the election, British Energy is expected to switch from being a high absorber of funds to generating a total of £2hn of cash over the next five years - money which. if the company were kept in state hands, would count towards the public sector borrowing requirement. This makes a sale price of only 12.6bn seem on the face of it a rather poor deal for

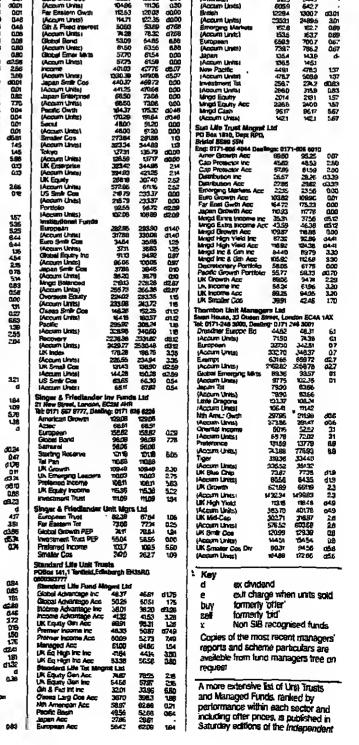
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# The night that Ali and Frazier were as one

Ken Jones celebrates the 25th anniversary of a fascinating title fight that was 'among the most thrilling in boxing history'

On the way to hospital for an exam-ination of his swollen jaw, Muham-mad Ali awakened briefly from exhaustion to mutter: "Must have been a helluva fight. I'm sooo tired."

For once m a gabby, gaudy career that transcended sport, Ali understated. His loss to Joe Frazier at Madison Square Garden, New York on 8 March 1971 when challenging for the heavyweight championship was more than fatigue allowed him immediately to remember. More than just a helluva a fight, it was among the most. thrilling in boxing history.

Millions of television viewers worldwide sensed the excitement. "I don't know why people speak of Manila [the site, in 1975, of their third epic encounter]," Frazier said last week, "because the first time was the biggest fight in the world. No fight can touch it. We were both undefeated and the atmosphere was tremendous. All the roads were jammed. People

couldn't get into the city."
The novelist Budd Schulberg wrote: "When it was announced that two prize fighters, two black men, two heavyweight champions were to divide a purse of \$5m to decide which was the one true champion, a special ex-citement ran through the country, the big money excitement, for this was an event as significant to the Wall Street

Journal as it was in Ring magazine."
There was the effect of All's cultural independence too, his strident presence a symbol of black consciousness. Stripped of the title in 1967, Ali had only recently returned from more than three years in exile and was still waiting for the US Supreme Court to rule on appeal against a fiveyear prison term imposed by the Department of Justice when he refused to be drafted for Vietnam.

Polarising opinion, Ali had be-come all things to all people – hero traitor, scoundrel, zealot, bigot. philanderer, rahble-rouser prophet, but above all the most remarkable and charismatic sportsman the world has ever known

The resurrection proved difficult, Despite the efforts of a persuasive cohort, Harold Conrad, state after style hooking, Frazier was from the



Muhammad All (left) and Joe Frazier, during their first meeting 25 years ago today; Frazier won on a unanimous decision.

state had refused Ali a licence when, astonishingly, permission came from racist Georgia. Coming back in At-lanta on 7 October 1970, Ali stopped Jerry Quarry in three rounds. A victory over Oscar Boncyena in New York two months later, one that saw the tough Argentinian floored three times before he was stopped in the 15th round, brought All late contention for Frazier's title. With his ferocious Philadelphia-

and the antithesis of Ali, Frazier did not play his colour up or down. He concentrated on his work and stepped scrupulously aside from racial issues, ignoring the vibrant new militancy with which Ali was so closely identified. As a poor boy of just six, helping his father to scratch a living from parched field. Fraciet know Ugos, and dis-crimination and had a much tougher childhood than Ali, but he was content to pursue the American dream.

Thus, at a time of great social strife, he was a symbol of black conservatism. Soon, it wasn't a fight any more, it was a happening, but someone had to bring it all together. The mantle was taken up by a Hollywood hustler, Jerry Perenchio who didn't know a gumshield from a groin protector. Perenchio was bred in television, came of age with the medium, learned with others that the medium was the message. A hawker of happenings, he latched on to one that the world would

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# Ladejo leads Britain's chase for medals

old school, a no-nonsense champion

It seems appropriate that the Ashraf Saber, of Italy has had 24th European Indoor Athletics Championships, a stepping dence of his own eyes. "On this stone en route to this summer's Olympics, should he hosted by a city built on 14 linked islands. But if the course is set, then

for the runners at least the path is narrow. The track inside the Globe Arena here has only four tight lanes and is extremely sharp on the curves.

It's like back to the old days of indoor running," said Malcolm Arnold, Britain's director of coaching. "When you finish running one bend and you are looking down to the next one it looks like a right angle." Or, as someone suggested, a left

Whatever the angle. Du'Aine Ladejo, Britain's defending 400 metres champion, has revised his expectation of breaking Todd Bennett's national indoor

record of 45.56sec. Ladejo, who spent six years studying at an American college, has a seemingly inexhaustible capacity to be upbeat. Having said he hopes to beat the world champion, Michael Johnson, at this year's Olympics, he managed to formulate a positive take on the fact that the American has recently run 44.66sec indoors - nearly two seconds faster than his best this season. It shows that he is not in any better nick than last year," he

But even Ladejo - second in the European list this year in

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BOWLS: Broth Men's Championships (Auchiniech, The final day of the home enternaturals has sold out, Auchiniech EC. Amstrac. (Bit. 1929) 2:3955. English Women's Indoor Championships (Southampion). Play starts at 10am, Ionofrew the Yethon Tophy will be contested - semi-finals from 10am, with the final at 3on. Aumission: £1 par day, Banister Park, Sonteriam Lane, Eastlergh, Southampion. (Ref. 1977/23 643-66).

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to lower his sights on the evitrack I don't think breaking the record is realistic," he said, "I would go so far as to say it is not up to standard. It has probably the tightest corners I've ever

Two years ago at the Palais Omnisport in Paris, Ladejo contributed to Britain's best total of five European indoor medals, the others coming from Dalton Grant in the high jump. David Strang in the 1500m. and Colin Jackson, who completed an unprecedented dou-

asked yesterday to comment on

the fact that he is favourite to win

today's 60 metres at the Euro-

deep breath, and composed

himself, writes Mike Rowbottom.

againsı Russia in January, when

6.55sec. which no European

Gardener has been sized up as

has yet bettered this season.

Since the indoor match

won the 60m in a time of

hle in the 60m and 60m hurdles. Old from Bath, goes into these recently from a heavy cold.

Mike Rowbottom, in Stockholm, looks at the weekend's European Indoor Championships

And Ashia Hansen, third in

the triple jump rankings this sea-

son, is a strong medal con-

tender despite having suffered

Marc Blume, of Germany, who

has run 6.56 this year, Fernan-

do Ramirez of Norway (6.57).

Peter Karlsson of Sweden and his

Considering he regularly trains on a track in Melksham so poor

it is not judged fit to hold meet-

ings on, Gardener will no doubt

regard the much-criticised Stock-

holm track as relatively accept-

able. Whether he will have any

problems with the new ultra-

sensitive Seiko timing system which caused such distress to

many athletes at last year's World

Championships remains to be

seen. "I have never false-started

Grant will detend their titles - European of the indoor season over 60m. Anthony Whiteman here, many of the leading Britons are absent either beis another Briton for whom these championships could cause of injury or a desire to concentrate on training for the represent a great leap for-Olympic outdoor season. ward. He goes into the 1500m That has given other British as the third fastest European this year with a time of 3min 39.47sec.

Gardener taking the baton from Christie

talents the opportunity to raise their profiles in an event which began as the European Indoor Games in Dortmand 30 years

Jason Gardener, a 20-year-

When Jason Gardener was first compare to Limford Christie. His main rivals appear to be

Jason Livingston, Darren Camp-

the Christie mantle fall heavily

hell Danny Joyce - all have felt

In what is his first major in-

ternational championship, Gar-

dener, a quietly spoken 20-year-

old from Bath. is attempting to

remain light on his feet. There

is no pressure," he asserted. "As

long as I run to the best of my ability I will be happy.

pole vault record holder, this weekend offers the first chance to compete in an international championship. While both Ladejo and championships as the fastest Women's pole vaulting was

only officially recognised by the International Amateur Athletic Federation at the beginning of last year, and it will not he included in this summer's. Olympics. As the Games get under way, Staples, now 30, will distract herself by filming another series of the TV show. Gladiators, where she appears as her alter ego, Zodiac.

For Kate Staples, Britain's

But she is determined to make the most of the first

He accepts that British

sprinters cannot live without ref-

erence to Christie, but says it is

not necessarily a bad thing.

"Having him around is good for

At the moment there are two

different levels and I've got to try and establish myself." It

was only two years ago that he won the European junior 100m

nitle, something Britons have done on six out of the last sev-

en occasions. None of those six

have gone on to fulfil their po-

tential. But that is a message

Gardener, doing communica-tion studies in his home city, is

entitled to ignore. He has tal-

ent and time on his side.

fellow countryman, Jason John. me because he sets the standard.

#### championships where her event has been included, and hopes to improve her indoor record of 3.85m to beyond 4m with the help of a newly extended 4ft 6in

While the women's record has been broken regularly this season - the world indoor mark currently stands to China's Sun Caiyun at 4.28m - Staples would have a chance of a medal if she can achieve her objective.

Staples training partner, Nick Buckfield, faces a relatively harder task in his event, where the top seven performers in the world this year are European. But it gives him the ideal competitive environment in which to improve his recent British record of 5.61. Judy Oakes has an outside

chance of a medal in a shot putt competition which features one of only two world champions to be competing here, Astrid Kumbernuss of Germany. The other is also a German, Alina Astafci, the high jumper.

Grant's gold in Paris, the first championship victory of his

career, was no more than he deserved for his pioneering achievements in lifting British high jumping to world-class

Although Norway's European outdoor champion, Steinar Hoen, appears a clear favourite, Grant - who has as much nerve and competitive spirit as any British athlete - looks sure to add to his medal collection.

# Irish wait for Rowell's choice

STEVE BALE

himself fortunate to be in a position to reselect Jason Leonard in the England team to be named today after the prop's acquittal - though not quite exoneration - of punching Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, in last Saturday's Calcutta Cup match. With Leonard rendered avail-

able for the Triple Crown decider against Ireland at Twickenham a week tomorrow, despite having been cited for foul play by the Scottish Rugby Union, the manager has no particular motive for making any changes, unless England's inability to win consistent fine-out hall other than through Martin Johnson persuades him to reinstate Martin Bayfield. The World Cup wing Tony Under-wood, belatedly fit again, may also come under consideration.

By their line-out calls in the victory at Murrayfield, England revealed an almost total reluctance to aim for Bayfield's replacement, Garath Archer, but even so it is hard to imagine Archer's exclusion after only one cap, and Bayfield himself accepts that he will not have another. chance until next season. Nevertheless uncertainty:

one reason why the Irish delayed . their selection from breakfasttime vesterozy to dimbertime Whatever the precise nature of tonight - so as to see what Rowthe "inconclusive" video evi- ell has done first. If Bayfield were dence, Jack Rowell can count recalled, they would almost certainly recall their own discarded lock, Neil Francis. If not, Jeremy Davidson will continue.

Ireland also have a selection issue at centre, where the selectors are concerned about the flu virus that out Jonathan Bell out of the Northampton team who appeared in the guise of East Midlands against the Barbarians on Wednesday.

An obvious alternative would have been a swift recall for Kurt McQuilkin. But the New Zealander's legacy of his Baa-Baas de-but is a broken arm, leaving Mark McCall pushing for a first cap in two years while re-forming with David Humphreys and Maurice Field of the Ulster midfield triangle who played so sweetly against New South Wales.

Domestically, Moselcy's intention of signing the former All Black outside-half Franc Botica to play rugby union during the rugby league off-season local like coming to fruition by the end of the month. The Second. Division club, who are putting ... together a business consortium to take them into professionalism, are in negotiation with Castleford about compensation for Botica's release.

#### Britain's Next Great Sprinter. If this son of Jamaican and Given the experience of oth-Irish parents does that, he has er young athletes similarly as-sessed in the past, you might title won for Britain two years

pean Indoor Championships, on their shoulders and stag-

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#### SUNDAY/Motocross British championships. Swaniey

The national champions will make. their presence felt in the first mund of the British championship at the on the British championship at the demanding Canada Heights circuit, Swanley, Kent, this Sunday, One impressive champion, however, will also be on this list. Stefan Everts, the world 250cc champlon from Belgium, has been given a wild card to note in the championship this year for the domestic works team, RWJ Silkolene Honda. He will add spice to the Open class. Joining him are the nders who Enistred first and second last sea son. Paul Cooper, the champion. from Blaby, and the Maidstone rid-er, Mark Eastwood, who carries on the family tradition from his father. (2.15). Praile at 20m. Admission pay at North Side, indoor Side od., Lord's Choket Ground, St John's Wood, London MW8, 10171 286 3649.

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Vic, who competed in the Seven-ties, will give Everts no quarter. In the 125cc class, Josiem Kartsson, the British champion from Sweden who also rides for RWJ, leads out Rikit Priest, the runner up from Kiddeminister, and the Wreshern no-er. Neil Prince, who was third less year. Following practice and pre-sentation of the riders, the first 125oc championship race opens the meeting. A combined class final, Involving the leading 20 riders from the two estagories on the

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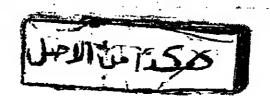
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# Imperial leads Irish fling

The green bunting and plastic Eddie Wiley on the colourful but hazardous exploits of the March heralding St Patrick's Day always bring a smile to the Irish But the smile in many Irish eyes has nothing to do with the saintly reptile exterminator but rather that the sprouting of ersaiz green foretells another, some would say more impor-tant, festival held in the foothills

of the Cotswolds. Helping the Irish racing fraternity grin this year are the training skills of a fellow Celt. Fergus "Fergie" Sutherland, and the precocious talent of his Cheltenham Gold Cup contender, Imperial Call.

Sutherland is essentially a modest man. From a well-to-do Scottish family his abiding maxim has been to "let the horse do the talking". And Imperial Call, the seven-year-old young Turk of Irish racing, was especially wohable at last month's Irish Gold Cup meeting at Leopardstown.

The ambient level of distracted chit-chat in the press box was suspended and replaced by querulous raised eyebrows at his six-length win over last year's Cheltenham champion, Master Oats. While some

tistical diversions such as the fact that this will be the 64-year-old trainer's first runner at es so I invented a peg that I with an unexpected opportunity. His mother wanted to sell her home in Killimaridish, Co Cork, Cheltenham, the man himself

commands most interest. The vagaries of chance influence everybody's life at some juncture but it was a very potent intrusion of circumstances that brought an Eton and Sandhurst-educated career officer to train horses from a small village in West Cork.

Soldiering was in his blood this father was commander of the Black Watch in the Great War) but his own military career was abruptly ended in the Korean War.

A lieutenant with the 5th Dragoon Guards, he was injured in an explosion and lost his left leg. "Going up a hill, one of the four troops I was with tripped the wire of a land mine and set off the blast," Sutherland recalls. "I was the only one badly injured. One of the troops said You're okay Mr Fergie, it's only the leg'. I knew that be-cause I had already checked."

A lifelong horseman, the courage of the man is typified occupied themselves with sta- in that he just recently gave up

trainer who saddles a top challenger for Tuesday's Gold Cup

could stick in the stirrup. I had to pack it in when my other knee went." This is an abiding testimony to the youthful summers spent at Porlock, in Somerset, where he learned his horsemanship. It is also a testimony to his mentor there - Dick Hern, who half a century later remains one of Sutherland's

closest friends. After Korea he returned to England and worked in the stables of Geoffrey Brooke in Newmarket, where his contemporaries included Peter Walwyn. Sutherland went on to work with Joe Lawson, who won a Derby with Never Say Die, and after Lawson retired, Sutherland's father purchased

the stable for his son. Thus, at the beginning of the Sixties, Sutherland was training on his own. Success came early and he won the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot in his first

But hunting was his ahiding passion and circumstances again contrived to present him

hegin to assuage Sutherland's wildly superstitious nature. Imperial Call is only a seventy. His mother wanted to sell her home in Killinaridish, Co Cork, hut Sutherland, familiar with the year-old and a year ago the

trainer resisted the temptation of coming to Cheltenham for area's hunting and racing conone of the novice chases. He nections, asked her to keep it. knew his horse and had the req-After remarriage caused him to leave Newmarket it was to Cork uisite patience to deliver. "He was a young horse, I knew he would be a contender for the 1996 Gold Cup and I didn't At the heart of a National Hunt breeding district, it was the want to muck if up asking him ideal location to include his pas-sion for teaching young jumpers. As much a horse tradto do too much too soon.

And for those who hope that Imperial Call and his regular rider, Conor O'Dwyer, can anет as trainer, this is how, 30 years swer the call this time, Sutheryears that was how I got by. Get-ting a horse, riding it myself and land has some significant words:
"One Man is rated the best in England, 5lb higher than our horse who is the highest-rated A fortuitous meeting with in Ireland, After Cheltenham I Sarah Lane, the estate director expect those ratings to be reof Lisselan Farms, owners of Imversed.

It has been an unlikely journey that has brought Sutherland to Cheltenham as the trainer of the second favourite for the Gold Cup, but there is a suspicion that those confident words might ring true. Sutherland may not need to repeat them on Thursday evening. By then the horse will have done the talk-



Fergus Sutherland with Imperal Call's rider, Conor O'Dwyer Photograph: Caroline Nomis

#### vious Gold Cup winners in hors Midnight Court, Cool Ground ing. Danoli drifts but rain predicted to soften the Cheltenham turf

The gulf hetween Alderbrook and Danoli in the betting for the Champion Hurdle widened yesterday as the threat of fast ground gripped ante-post back-ers. Punters started to show anxiety that the weather forecast for . Cheltenham predicts little substantial rain before Tuesday when the meeting opens. The ground is currently described as

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4.20: 1. DON'T LIGHT UP R DAVIS \$1.
2. Steeple Jack 3-1; 2. Marcentot 8-1. 9 res.
7.4 tay Ncjaup (4th), 2, 10, (Marc V Wittern),
Totas: £17.20: £3.10, £1.30, £1.90. DF:
594.20. GSF: £33.69. Tricast: £192.65. Tho:

4-50: 1. TEAPLANTER (Mr 3 Police) 4-9 tay; 2. Richard Hunt 9-2; 3. Lucky Christopher 4-1. 6 ran. 30. 3. (Msec C Saunders). Total £1.50: £3.30, £1.90. DF: £2.50, CSF: £3.48, RR: Lucky Ole Son. Plantage £180.90, Candipot: £20.50. ris 44 € £206.90. Plantage £20.448.

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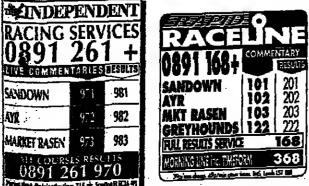
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2.10: 1. NUTAZZ IR Farand 8-1: 2. Fabutous Mitorio 9-1: 3. Pleasant Suprise 101.16 ras. 15-8 fav Sorm Run (brought down).
4. 1½. (Wil Rhem), Tota: 19. 40; £2. 3.40: 1, PASHTO () Osborner 10-1; 4-1-1-17 (10-1-17) (10 3.40: 1, PASHTO () Osborne) 10-1; 2. Lar-2. Senotegipty 12-1; S. Still in Business 5-4 inv. 5 ran. 30, 6, IMS IR Dennis). Total £4.50; £2.30, £1.80. DF: £10.70. CSF: £31.36, NR: Rural Outst.

5.10: 1. FAUSTINO (6 McCourt) 3-1 for: 2. Pertucatios 50-1; 3. Milleroff Riviers 14-1. 18 ran, 10. 13. (P Hobbs), Tota: £4.60; £2.40, £19.70 £4.80, DF: £196.60, CSF: t. £1,696.70. Quadpot: £577.30.

4.40: 1 LUGS BRANNGAN (Ketherne Hom-

Place 5: £832.64. Place 5: £236.33.



As a result, while Alder- and the Tote while support brook remained a solid odds-on favourite with the major bookmakers, confidence in Danoli has ehhed, with Ladbrokes pushing out the Irish challenger, who relishes the test of stamina that soft ground brings, to 9-2 from 4-1,

Collier Bay, a mud-lover, has also had his odds lengthened to 12-1 with Ladbrokes the course, Philip Arkwright, be-

2.35 THE SHY PADRE (nap)

2.00 Injectabuck

poured in for Hotel Minella, the horse he beat a head to land the Irish Champion Hurdle. Hotel Minella, for whom Charlie Swan was prepared to desert Danoli and who is favoured by less testing ground, is now 5joint second favourite with Hills and the Tote, cut from 7-1. But Cheltenham's clerk of

3.40 Foodbroker Star (nb)

4.10 On The Other Hand

SANDOWN

HYPERION

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: D Nicholson — 11 winners from 88 runners gives a success ratio of 35.2% and a profit to a 5.1 level stake of \$62.78; J Gifford 12.25 winners, 137 runners, 18.2%, +52.52; M Pipe — 12 winners, 69 runners, 17.4%, 513.74; N Hendersons — 12 winners, 10.3%, 52.20.

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody — 36 winners, 123 rides, 29.3%, +52.5 22; A Magaire — 20 winners, 102 rides, 19.5%, 513.60; J Osborne — 16 winners, 111 rides, 14.4%, 554.21; P Bible — 9 winners, 60 rides, 15.0%, 54.50.

Winners in the Last Seven Date; None, 5 100 in a been sen 250 miles by Mrs. Long.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS from:
LONG-RISTANCE RUNNERS: Green Times (3, 10) has been sent 360 miles by Mrs Jane
Storge from Kelso, Borders; On The Other Hand (4,10) sent 237 miles by G Richards from
Greentoke, Cambrin; Mr Boston (3,10) sent 261 miles by Mrs M Reveley from Lingdale.

2.00 BEECH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £2,983

8ETTING: 2-1 Zophyrus, 11-4 Crown Equery, 5-1 Hillio of Praise, 6-1 Injectabook, 7-1 Roudal Caraller, 9-1 Rolls, 25-1 MBy Le Moss, 33-1 others. 1995: Jack Button (RC) 6 11 4 0 Engipater 4-11 (Bob Jones) 8 ran

FORM GUIDE

ZEPHYRUS has a bad recent run and a double penalty to overcome but this better ground

ZEPHYRIUS has a bad recent run and a double penalty to overcome but this better ground is much more in his favour. The ground of Chapstow three weeks ago was totally against him quided up behind let Ruleaj and the trip of two miles too sharp beforehand when fourth to Right Win. For a staying house, Zephynus did extra well to look so good when beating institute at Wanvick and Shartor and Viminnichy to Cheltenham. Those wins, along with his bumper success, were gained on good ground so there is every hope he will bounce back on this drying surface over this more suitable distance of ground. Crown Equency will be well supported in the market stare getting to three lengths of let Rules as Kempton (2m 5f) and then over a shorter mp when third to Sir Leonard and Monicasman here. Back over his best trip. Crown Equency has an obvoics chance but Zephynus can give him the 5b. The Zephyrus stable also runs friam Of Phasse, winner of his only point to point start in heland, while kim Bailey runs a sanker type in injectabluck, a clear-out winner at Charling point-to-point a year ago on his only start. Rollet has been locking short of pace 5 the step up in distance will alct him, but some disappointing runs have followed his pleasing debut third to Astwell Boy at Asoot, Rondal Cavallier ran virtually to the pound with Jultars at Tom-cesser after finishing second at Fontwell and he may also do batter away from the testing ground.

2.35 CRAY SYSTEMS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,534

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promise on his chasing debut here when fifth to Major Summir. A decent sort over hundles with a third to die Ballistic and a second to Seachange, he might just do better when put over three miles, Herbert Bischansen has won on this ground, besting Sea Breaker and Jeson Boy at Tauriton in November, and texturis tests, after his second to Dear Do at Southwell in December. Smilling Chiefs, whose tall at at the water at Newton your Adman Maguire but of the Chelterham Festival, will like this faster ground and is preferred to Flagglack Lad.

3.10 HORSE AND HOUND GRAND MELITARY GOLD CUP CHASE

31L5-44 MR BOSTON (20) (CD) Robert Ogden) Mrs M Review 11 12 T \_\_\_\_\_\_Capt A Ogden
U11213 EQUITY PLAYER (13) (CD) (8F) (D Aust) R Curts 11 12 0 \_\_\_\_\_Major 6 Wheeler
220540 BRSH BAY (15) (D) R V Stant R Shaw 10 12 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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(CLASS E) (AMATEUR RIDERS) £7,000 added 3m 110yds Penaity Value £4,856

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4.40 Pa D'Or

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lieves the sceptics have little to fear with the Met men expect-

that he eventually moved.

later, he still sees his role. "For

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RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Pa D'Or (Sandown 4.40) NB: Monokratic

ly significant rain on Tuesday

ing up to half an inch of rain to fall on Champion Hurdle day. fears that the ground may be

"We are expecting wintery showers of sleet and snow tonight or tomorrow but the moisture content is unlikely to be very significant. It will dry up on Saturday, Sunday and Monday but then the pressure will drop and we should have fair-

and Wednesday," he said. "The forecast should allay any

11 P) TOODLING WIN (5) (Major A W C Peart) R Hotges 9 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_Capt C Ward Thomas ~ 12 declared ~

BETTING: 5-2 Mr Boston, 3-1 Norman Conqueror, 4-1 Mora Class, 7-1 Equity Player, 12-1 Irish Bay, Columnies, 14-1 others. 1995: County Member 10 11 7 Major Q Elwand 15-8 (Andrew Turnell) 15 ran

1995; County Menther ID 11 7 Major to tension 13-18 process interest as as process. Port of GLIDE

NORMAN CONQUEROR has a winning look getting 7to from Mr Boaton, Back to something like his old form when making all to beat Surley Bay (dust winner since) at Winconton in January, Norman Conqueror again sports the visor, olde Etwood, who do the business on Country Member in the race last year, takes the note on this Grand National oursider, who has always shown a preference for this type of fest ground. Mr Boston missed the Great Yousehine to go for this and he ran in last season's Whithread, He did win at this two-day feating last year, bearing Sheer Ablity under 11st 10kb, but the gisting can be heatin humoning today's 21st 7b, Menre Clases has his ground and was 10 lengths in front of Mr Boston when third to Witisford here in December when both made their reappearance. The riders make this a totally different race but More Class does meet Mr Boston on 71b offers remained this a totally different race but More Class does meet Mr Boston on 71b offers remained this a totally different race but More Class does meet Mr Boston on 71b offers remained this a totally different race but More Class does meet Mr Boston on 71b offers remained this a totally different race but More Class does meet Mr Boston on 71b offers remained this process of the process of the process of the first process of the feating after the sample of the feating after the feati GOING: Clusse course - Good (Good to Firm in places); Hurdles course - Good to Soft (Good to Firm in places in back straight).

Right-hand course, Seven testing fences along back straight; run-in of 200yd.

Execcourse is on A207, four miles south of Kingston, Esher railway station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADMCSSION: Chib & Grandstand (combined) 512; Jamos Club (16 - 25yrs) 510; Söver Ring \$4. CAR PARK: Free, or 52 in members.

340 COGNAC COURVOISIER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £3,630

1 3/2023 NATIVE RIELD (RE) (20) (R) White) Frideword 7:11:13 N Degree 2: 10-5310 RDSRNA MAE (48) IP Winkword) P Winkword 7:11:19 L Asped (5) 3: 63314 P NEWTON FORUT (102) PARS C C & Mis E W Pegral O Nérobon 7:11.7 R Johnson (3) P61300 FATHER O'RRIEN (3) (MS G Jerbanson) J Edwards 9:11.4 A P MCVD 5: 106-Ris FOODERONGER SIAR (RE) (50) (Ci (Tool Briden List 1/66rot 6:11.3 P P Hods 6: 0-31433 LEAD VOCALIST (RE) (20) (RF) (Cast A Pagel R Rove 7:11.2 D P Children 10:11 Ci (10 P R) (Ci (10 P R) (10 P 7 OP-GTG2 STORM DRMM (69) MVS Sheley Fergasson) K Baley 7 10 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_T J Mamphy (3) 8 32F044 MOVAL PEPER (NZ) (7) (D) (A M Darlegon) A J Wisson 9 10 11 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Harvey BETTING: 9-4 Mative Field, 4-1 Foodbroker Star, 9-2 Load Vecellet, 8-1 Storm Drum, 6-1 Newton

Point, 8-1 Rosina Mac, 12-1 others. 1995: Welsh Lustra ORD 5 10 13 W Marston 7-1 (D Nicholson) 8 can

NEWTON POINT won on his first run since joning David Nicholson. Very well handlcapped on his old hurdles form – he was hovice chasing in the second half of last season – Newton Point can land this weak handlcap on his favoured last ground. Native Field has been

ton Point can land this weak handicap on his fanoured test ground, heavier rises occur in stronger races and liked this ground in his bumper days but a big weight may just find him out. Roatine Mae has changed stables and looks beatable, while Pather O'Briter was tailed off at Sedgefield in the week. Prodiscolar Star has still to confirm his debut promise when writing on this course as a navice, while Lead Vocality prefers softer ground. Storm Drum will like the faster Surface and has been rested since a second to Cool Clown in resting conditions at Leicester in January.

Selection: NEWTON POINT

4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (PAST AND PRESENT) (CLASS H) £2,000 added 3m 110vds Penalty Value £1,349 1,107(13) FTEROUS Y CAUTE 24,2445

01,510-1 ON THE OTHER HAND (18) (CD) (Robert Open) G Retreats 13 12 11 \_\_Copt A Ogsies (7)

P. GOLDEN MAR (682) (R L Farstane) J de 66s B 12 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Mr R L Farstane) (7)

00(7-US NO JORES (88) (4) (Pagades R W S Holl N Gaseles 8 12 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_Mr R Hall (7)

03/R9/P- OVER THE EDGE (384) (Orasigner Section) 5 Sporton 10 12 4 \_\_\_\_Mr 8 Sporton (7)

BETTENS: 4-8 On The Other Hand, 5-1 Over The Edge, 11-2 No Jokes, 9-1 Golden Mac. 1995: Wild Basen 11 12 4 Mr.) Trice Rolph 8-15 (Mass Jennifer Pedgeon) 9 ran FORM GUIDE
ON THE OTHER HAND, who best Norman Conqueror in the Grand Maktary three years ago,

um trac utreax nurse, and best norman conqueror in the Grand Maktary three years ego, had a nice prepared at Musseburgh 18 days ago, besting four wask mats in comfortable style. He has his favoured surface and may have retained enough pace to concede the weight to Over The Edge, a numer in last season's Grand Maktary. In good shape this season, Over The Edge jumped really well to win an open race to Ampton four weeks ago after just falling against Desert Watt to useful pointer last season) at Lanhall.

Selection: On THE OTHER HAND

4.40 SURREY RACING NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,039 Minimum weight: 10st. True immicrap weight: Microp 9st 2b. . BETTING: 2-1, Hechest Buchanan, 9-4 Meestro Paul, 4-1 Flapjack Lad, 5-1 The Sky Padra, 10-1 Smil-NEKAROO can with this poor roce desorte being 12th out of the handicap. She found the Shining Light race at Ludow last time a bit too hot but showed at Yaurison beforehend when fifth to Penwick - and her second to Stormy Petrel at Humington last season - that a small race such as this was within her range. Maestre Paul won with a bit in hand from Rhoman Frun m an amisteurs' race at Folkestone last fifthe and runs off the same handicap mark. But he has to give the weight away and this faster ground may not be ideal for him. The Sty Peadre, an early failer in a similar race at Ledester 10 days ago, shaped with some promise on his chasing debut here when fifth to Major Summit. A decent sort over hurtles with a third to Go Ballistic and a second to Seachange, he might just do better when nin Minimum weight: 10st. The heroficap weight Firsh 9st 110.
BETTHEC: 9-2 The Blomder, 5-1 False Creek, 11-2 Pe D'Or, 5-1 Amero, 8-1 Dyess Cance, Pedel tothemetal, 10-1 Happy Housings, Pictot, 12-1 others, 1995: Jymam Johnty (RE) 8 10 9 Peter Hobbs 9-2 U Aketursi) 7 ran

FORM GIDE.

This is no better then last year's race when thress bance finished sixth of seven runners and unlikely to improve much on that even other a Tauriton with in January. If ever a mare looked trained for a race it's Phisp Mitchell's Pedaltothermetal, who has had three runs with moday's claimer Glenn Tormey. The mere even got a bit closer to Ocean Hawk at Lendester and a close second in 8 Flat and the property of the pr race at Wolverhampton lass week will have put her spot on. She had numerous runs on the level without auccess but always looked as though she wainted a trip. Josh Gifford's PA IJ'OR has yet to shine but he runs on decera ground for the first time. An odds-on shot whe third to Dictum at Chepsion on his debut in a bumper, this well-regarded son is a possthird to Deturn at Chepssow on his debut in a bumper, this well-regarded son as a possibility to spoil Michelis dairy – and the stable had an easy burger winner in the week elter a lean speil. Felter Creek was modest until landing a 16-1 success from Robine Pride in a claimer at Plumpton. With this handinap having such a weak look about it. False Creek cannot be discourted with confidence. Amazes may not be good enough even on the better ground, while Heppy Hostinge's with at Folkestonic was gained in a selfer. Paul Carberry is an interesting booking for John Jenkins' Scamaliach, a modest sor' in lish bumpers but Realy to do better on this ground and not disgraced in Supreme Lady's race at Lencester in December. Tony McCoy rides Night to A Million, another who has been figting against the testing ground after a good second at folkestone in December. Platith won on the Flat and ran well until a mistake two hundles from the firish in Darrer's race in bad ground at Unglield in January.

Selection: PA O'OR

dle at Haydock," said trainer declarations for Tuesday's hig Of A Lord, will be ridden by Tom Tate yesterday, Osborne won the Ladbroke at the moment. He is not a pressure from Jim Old (the Gold Cup at Newbury aboard Lo Stregone and would have horse that needs a lot of work trainer of Collier Bayl or

Aintree to get very heavy."

Osborne rides Lo Stregone In Grand National

"Jamie is a super sub for National favourite who Charlie Charlie Swan. He's ridden the his Champion Hurdle mount, Swan rejected the ride on ear- horse a couple of times before Mysilv or Collier Bay, until lier this week in favour of Life and would have been in the sad- Monday morning, when the race are made. His agent Gavin "Lo Stregone is in fine fettle Davies said: "He is under no ridden the gelding last time out and is better fresh. He likes Charles Egerton (trains Mysilv) had he not been stood down for good ground but I don't expect and will leave it until he knows

what the weather will do."

Osborne is unlikely to select

fast. We are talking about significant rainfall and when I suggested as much as half an inch of rain a day my forecaster didn't dispute it. Trainers must be highly encouraged by that."

If accurate, the forecast will do little to help Jamie Osborne select his Champion Hurdle mount between Collier Bay and Mysilv, two of 17 five-day acceptors for the big race yes-

ing by the day.
"I will be speaking to Mr Egerton and Mr Old in the next

Bay's handler, Jim Old, before regular rider Paul Carberry is the weekend hut the prospect suspended. of Graham Bradley teaming up with Collier Bay is increas-

terday. The jockey will discuss be on Mysilv," he said. A jock-

his choice with Mysilv's trainer, Charlie Egerton, and Collier evannouncement is also ex-pected for Squire Silk, whose

SUSPETIGECI.

Acceptors: Absalom's Lady (Trained: O Elsworth; Alderbrook th Bailey); Boro Eight (Miss V Williams); Chief Minister (T Dyen; Collein Bay (5 Olds); Danou (T Foley); Hosel Minels (A P O'Brien); Rissalt (M Pipe); Land Alar (P Webber); Mack The huste (M Pipe); Land Alar (P Webber); Mack The huste (M Pipe); Muse (D Elsworth); Mysik (C Ejemon); Producet (M Pipe); Right Win (R Hannon); Pomencet (N Tenston-Davies); Soure Silk (A Turnell); Staunch Fnend (M Tompkins).

2.55 JAMES BARCLAY MEMORIAL AMATEUR RIOERS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E)

£3,500 added 3m 110yds

44-1600 SIERRA MADRONA (10) (CD) Mrs A Sembark 6 10 10 ...

3.30 ARTHUR CHALLENGE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 4f

- 3 declared -BETTING: 1-4 Erzadjan, 5-1 Cehic Broeze, 8-1 Slorra Matrone

HYPERION L50 Singing Sand 2.20 Solba 2.50 Erzadjan 3.30 Deep Decision 4.00 Parlebiz 4.30 Sarmatian

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places). ■ Left-hand galloping course; run-in 210yds.
 ■ Racecourse is east of town on A75S. Ast railway station (halfhourly service from Glosgow) is one nile away. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Grandstand \$7 (OAPs half-price). CAR PARK: Free.

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS: Erzadjan (258) won at Keiso on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Silly Money (1.50) & Sharkoshka (4.30) have been sent 208 miles by T Easterby from Great Habton,

1.50 LAGG 'NH' MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 

000 SILLY MONEY (9) T Easterby 5 11 8. 06-036 SINGING SAND (24) P Morretti 6 11 8 ...... 3P TEA SHOCK (24) P Mortest 5 118 022- THE STITCHER (79) L Lungo 6 11 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_T Record CCP LIK HYGGNE (8) M Harmond 6 11 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_P Neord 4-6 BARSFOOT LANDING (48) C Parker 5 11 3 \_\_\_\_\_D Parker (3) AP RELLE ROSE (13) G Richards 6 11 3 \_\_ 

2.20 MAD MARCH HARE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m 1f

0:490P LAUDER SQUARE (52) T Dun 8 11 3 T Reed 1:2343 MARRA'S ROSCOE (20) Ms M Revely 10 11 3 P Niven 0:00-0F TURLIN OOF (27) Flatters 7 11 3 B Harding (3) 2F-F304 WHITE DVAMOND (18) Mss 1 V Russel 8 11 3 M Rester RETUNG: 11-8 Softus, 2-1 Marra's Roscope, 6-1 Ask Me Later, White Di-

4.00 AYRSHIRE CUP (NOVICE HUNTER CHASE) (CLASS H) £2,500 added 2m 5f 110yds 4305/ CANNY CHRONICLE (1,021) Mass C Dawson 8 11 10 . .... 5 ARGUE REVILLER'S GLORY (319) Miss 5 J Rocges 12 11 10... - 8 declared BETUNG: 9-4 Parketic, 3-1 Risky Dee, 5-1 Rowser's Glory, 6-1 Sound Profit, T-1 Elid Anolt, 8-1 County Chronicle, 16-1 others

4.30 DOON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) 

- 7 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Samuetien, 11-4 Shorkastika, 3-1 Stock The Cash, 8-1 Grandcan, 10-1 Merry Mermaid, Wild Rose Of York, 14-1 Ba

MARKET RASEN

1.40 Troy's Dream 2.10 Viceroy Ruler 2.45 Tough Deal 3.15 Artic Wings 3.50 Bob's Ploy 4.20 Ellerton Hill 4.50 Temperature Rising GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places on chase course).

Right-hand, sharp, undulading circuit. Run-in of one furiong.

Roght-hand, sharp, undulading circuit. Run-in of one furiong.

Course is E of fown on A631. Market Kasen station 1m. AD
MISSION: Club 512; Tanacralls 53 [OA's who are members of course's shibble Club 54]; Silver Ring 55 [Jubber Club OAPs 52] 50], CAR PARE: pictue areas 52, remainder free. SIS WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Faringo (4:20) won at

Higham point-to-point on Sunday.

LONG-DESTANCE RUNNIERS Moreflash (150) has been sent 203
miles by A from from Linkingon, Lothian; Tongs Gift (350) &
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# The battle of the peacocks

on earth does that make cricket? India play Pakistan at Bangalore tomorrow at a time when gunfire rattles Younis booming in like a misacross the horder in disputed Kashmir most days, a time when both countries, like peacocks flashing their tail feathers, are tensing their nuclear muscles. Neither side would have chosen this stage as their battleground: the organisers in particular were praying for a tumultuous India-Pakistan finale. But here we are. All those conspiracy theorists who presumed that the wily subcontinent would orchestrate a grand climax to the competition will have to hite their tongues

One things is clear, though. Many of the millions of cricket fans in India and Pakistan will be happy to lose the tournament if they can just win this one match. The fraught relations between the two nations. ever since they were wrenched apart by partition 49 years ago. mean that the play really isn't end, for a harrage of military this week, there were calls for

If politics is war by other means, what When India and Pakistan meet in the World Cup tomorrow it will be about more than just cricket. Robert Winder reports

> epithets: here comes Wagar sile launcher, there goes Ten-dulkar again, hitting it like a shell or Inzaman on the ram-page. Count how many times the word "gladiatorial" comes

The players are pally enough. Two years ago, in Shar-jah, they walked out holding hands like children on a nature trail, in an ostentatious gesture of togetherness. And at the beginning of this tournament they had no trouble forming a combined team to play Sri Lanka. But no one else can ignore the historic animosity that charges these matches. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since partition released 10 million vengeful refugees into the subcontinent. The Pakistanis, who were vociferously scornful of Australia's decision to avoid Sri Lanka, have twice cancelled tours to India (in 1992 and 1993) because of the threat the thing. Stand by, this week- from Hindu supremacists. Only

the Pakistan players to be three consecutive lbw decisions. barred from entering the coun-

But they are not ducking out of this one, and the security presence in Bangalore is, not surprisingly, huge: machine guns, sniffer dogs, the works. There have also been threats to dig up the pitch - no easy task, on these hard-baked bowler's graveyards). The response has been, well, typical. When tickets went on sale on Sunday 60,000 people beat a path to the stadium; many of them camped out for the night. In three hours 45,000 tickets were snapped up, and there were scuffles when the crowd sensed that large blocks of seats were being

withheld for last-minute VIPs. It is not as if this match was a regular event. Pakistan have not played in India for nine years (since 1987, when they won a Test match in, as it happens, Bangalore). India even boycotted the annual one-day tussle in Sharjah after Pakistan beat them with the help of

come. Pakistan's batting - with Aamir Sohail, Ijaz Ahmed and Inzaman-ul-Haq in exotic form - has been forceful and consistent enough to recover the ground lost in the field. Some The Times of India modestly reof this is merely a matter of planferred to the match as one between "Cricketing Gods" and

ning.
So far, Wasim Akram has placed his fielders with a striktwo recent defeats: "may the worse side win". ing lack of wit, and this in This first quarter-final of the World Cup is also - as if it games where the pressure was off. If he persists with the no-one-on-the-leg-side field he seems to favour, India's batsmen mattered - the start of the tournament proper, the first match which both sides bave to will just smack their lips and tuck win. In a nice twist to the clean in. India will depend heavily, as religious divide between the always, on Anil Kumble, one of teams, India's captain - Mo-hammed Azharuddin - is a three Bangalore players in the home side (Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad also hail from Muslim. He even got into trouthe Garden City].
But prohably the decisive clble once with his own mullahs for attaching bis own sacred first name to a Reebok shoe.

concluded, with a nod to India's

ement will be the crowd. When There really could not be more at stake. Who said cricket was Wagar Younis ran in to bowl in Karachi against South Africa and England, 30,000 fans whacked empty water bottles against the seat in from: it On paper, Pakistan might just have the edge (India's game plan so far bas been for the othsounded like a hurricane alert. er side to drop catches, and it Tomorrow, there will be jeers. has been only partly successful). The roar when Tendulkar walks But this match is on grass, and to the crease, on the other hand, will probably shake the Indian grass at that, so it would be churlish to predict an outwindows in Lahore.



Michael Atherton, the England captain, warms up in the nets at Karachi for tomorrow World Cup quarter-final against Sri Lanka

Sri Lankans rise above

the conflict

Derek Pringle on why England should not underestimate their World Cup opponents

For a small strife-torn island off the southern tip of India, Sri war most recently saw the with-Lanka certainly packs an drawal of both Australia and the Lanka certainly packs an almighty punch on the cricket field. Apart from setting new benchmarks for 50-over scores, they have proved to he sparkling role models for the smaller teams like Kenya and the Netherlands, showing them exactly what standards can be achieved in a very short space

of time.
Minnows themselves when the first World Cup was played in 1975, they have since become the most talked-about team in the tournament. Not bad for a country that only had "Test" stahus bestowed upon them by the International Cricket Council in 1981. Yet, despite their perceived callowness, Sri Lanka have been thinking big for some time, recently approaching Ian Botham to become

When he declined, they asked Allan Border but, when he too proved unavailable, they settled for another Australian, the Victorian Test player, Dave Whatmore.

Colombo-born but raised in Australia, Whatmore began to hone both their cricket and their competitive edge. It is an appointment that bas clearly paid dividends, with Sri Lanka winning not only their first Test abroad, but their first series too. soundly beating Pakistan 2-1 last October.

An abundance of talent has never been Sri Lanka's problem. Their cricket bas been intermittently held back by the kind of internal bickering that makes the politics within Pakistani cricket seem positively acquiescent by comparison.

Who but Sri Lanka could go backwards after Siddath Wettimuny's double century had so boldly announced their arrival at Lord's in 1984, and the late 1980s were as hleak on the cricket field as they were on the is-

West Indies from their World Cup matches in Sri Lanka, after a massive car bomb exploded in Colombo.

However, with Dulecp Men-dis once more installed as team manager to quell the off-field disputes. Sri Lanka have once more cast off their rookie status. In fact their captain, Ariy-na Ranatunga, is the longer-serving Test player in the World Cup, and their current one-day experience for exceeds England's, with six of their players able to claim over a hundred caps to their name. As Ranatunga himself recently said: "We can beat any Test nation in the one-day game.

The primary reason for that stems from the fearless strokeplay of their batsmen which, despite the brilliance of their fielding, is often at full stretch to make up for the deficiencies in the bowling department - which like England's, is steady rather than speciacular.

Mind you, the discovery of Chaminda Vaas, a left-arm opening bowler, has reduced their rehance upon spin which is just as well, considering their leading spinner and sole Tamil, the seemingly treble-jointed Muttiah Muralitharan, has had question marks raised over the egitimacy of his action.

Vaas can swing the ball both ways at a brisk enough pace to cause problems and many thought him the best pace bowler on either side, in the recent series against Australia.

There is no doubt they are a talented team and a major oneday force. Before the current tournament, Sri Lanka had lost 20 of their 26 World matches since 1975. If they can win three more, starting with the game on Saturday, their status as minnows will be forgotten

#### All Stevenage fans at Torquay now

Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

The supporters and employees of Torquay United are taking an increasing interest in the fortunes of Stevenage Borough, the GM Vauxhail Conference leaders. In their current position, 12 points adrift at the bottom of the Endsleigh League, Torquay need all the help they can get and success for Stevenage represents their best hope of stay-ing in the Third Division.

The problem for Stevenage is that, like Macclesfield last season and Kidderminster the year before, if they win the Confer-ence they will not be promoted to the Football League because their stadium did not meet League requirements before the deadline at the end of last year, The main League requirements are a capacity of 6,000 and 1,000 seats under cover.

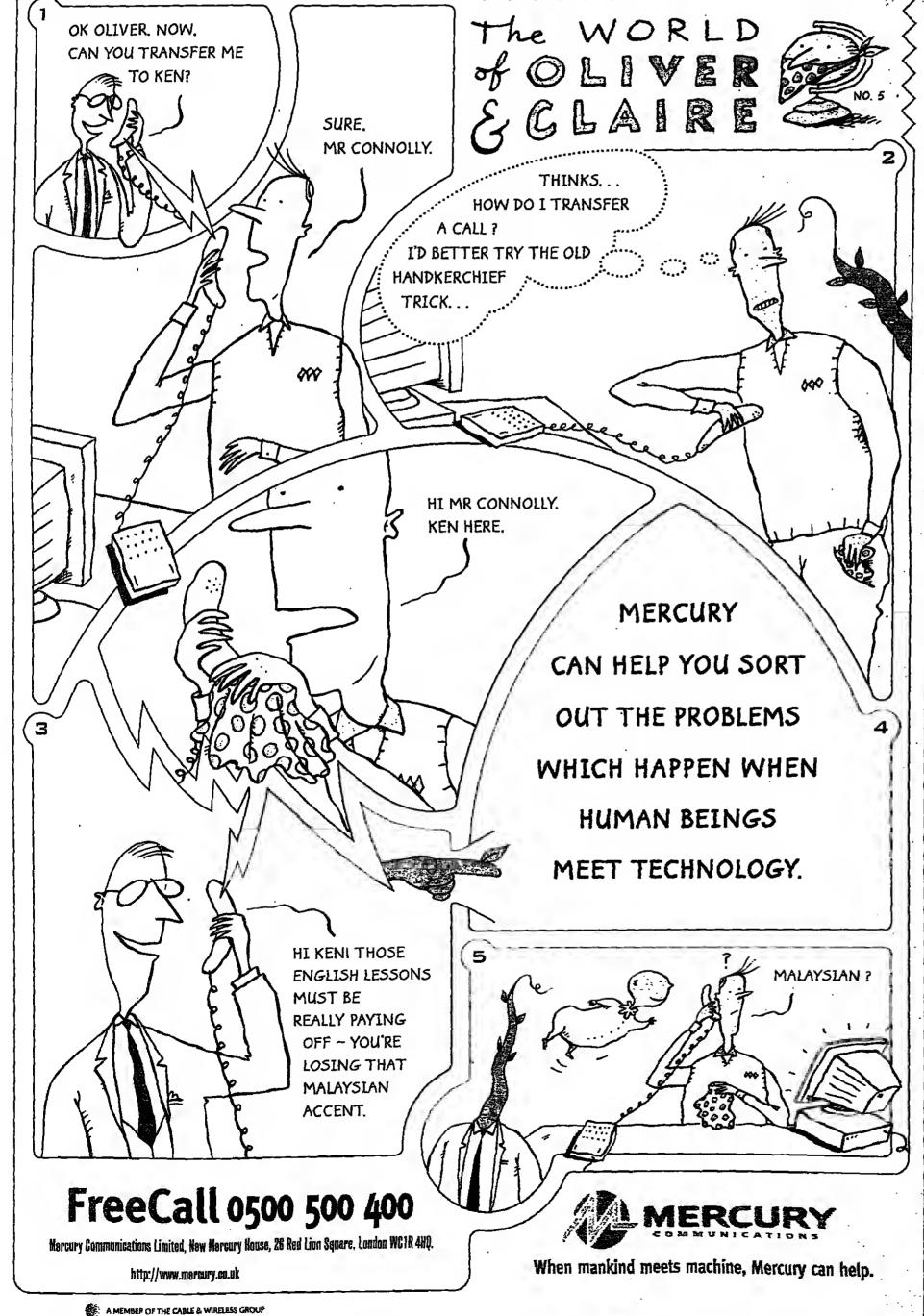
"It's completely unfair," Vic-

man, said yesterday. "We still have not bad a satisfactory reason from the Football League for the deadline being 31 December when we can give a concrete quarantee that our ground." crete guarantee that our ground will be ready by the start of next season." Their Broadhall Way ground is owned by the local council, which is investing over

film in improving the stadium.

The League is taking away the basic ingredient of sport by stopping achievement." Green said. "Promotion and relegation are what football is all about." His club have a three-point advantage and a game in hand over second-placed Macclesfield.

The Stevenage chairman added that three clubs - Barnet, Darlington and Rochdale - do not fulfil the League's ground requirements. They have a further two seasons to put things right," he complained, "unlike us." Like Macclesfield and Kidderminster in the recent past, however, his protests may fall on





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Terry Venables returned from Dorimund yesterday preaching the gospel according to Ajax and seeking further converts. The England coach was an

impressed spectator as the It is and European champions strolled to a 2-0 European Cup quarter-final first leg win at Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday. Afterwards, he said the English game, and his national team, should be striving to emulate Ajax. He also said it was

an attainable goal.

It is amazing that they are the best club team in the world. out no one copies them," he said. 'It can be done. The intelligence comes from the coach, the information is passed

on. It is like a teacher at school.

We can do it. We do not reach for perfection. Yet, if you do that, you get excellence. If you aim for half, you do not

"I have no doubt you can do... it fairly quickly. If you change something, you need success early on. I was fortunate at Barcelona. I changed everything and my first result was 3-0 away to Madrid. From then on they thought I was right - before they thought I was mad."

The Ajax way, in which players are inculcated in the club philosophy from the age of eight, is well known hut Venables noted that Jari Litmanen, the Finn, and the Nigerians Finidi George and Nwanko Kanu "have been there only two years. The Portuguese, the Spanish, the Italians are equally technically blessed, but strategi cally the Dutch are ahead. They

know the game.

That point was superbly illustrated by Rund Gullit during Sky TV's coverage of Monday's Newcastle-Manchester United match. The Dutchman raised the ofien discredited art of football punditry to a new level.

Gullit's career also exemplition on the Dutch: "They have skill and intelligence, and they great players who do not work masters.

their socks off: look at [Dennis] Bergkamp [woo practised volleys for 20 minutes after training last week before scoring

from one against QPR] and Gullit, It is not an accident they keep producing these players.

"We live in a society where there has been the minimum around of work while contact. amount of work, while expecting the best and actually falling behind. We get a lot of television money and what do the clubs do with it? They give the players three times as much - but they have not got any better. We have got to strive to achieve."

He is encouraged by meetings with the managers who had been in Europe to discuss what went on in other games. "Clubs have tried to change a hit and it is only for the better that we get together. As soon as you ask the questions 'are we good enough?' and 'can we improve?' we are on the way to doing so. In the past we felt we were good enough.

On a similar theme. Venables said be had found his get-to-gethers, in which he has time to impart his ideas without the pressure of producing a victory at the end of it, more useful than the matches.

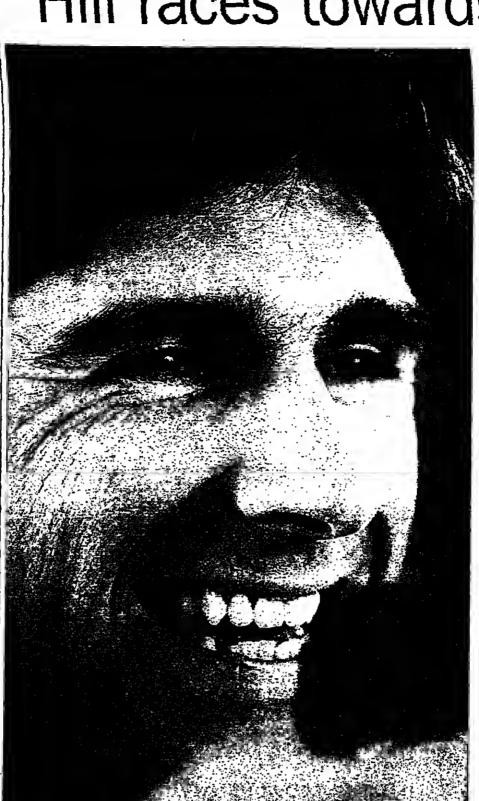
Venables said he was still looking at systems for Euro 96. "I want us to be able to play in two or three ways, so I can change it if things are going wrong. I do not think anything is beyond this group of players.

Also in Dortmund was Berti Vogts, the German national coach, who watched gloomily as Borussia were dissected. Venables described Borussia as "prehistoric" - a phrase which was only slightly updated by another national manager, Switzerland's Arthur Jorge, when talking about England.

Jorge, who has recently taken over from Roy Hodgson, said of England's 3-1 win over the Swiss in October: "When they played ancient football they played very well and they gave the Swiss a lot of problems. When they tried to play European style, they were not diffiut to contain.

· Kidology - or genuine? Either way. Venables is unlikely to want to put that 'dirty' word in: be diverted from attempting to hard work. There are not many turn English artisans into Dutch

## MOTOR RACING: Williams'. No 1 driver faces a 'make or break' season. Derick Allsop reports Hill races towards the crossroads



A relaxed Damon Hill looks forward to the start of the 1996 season in Melbourne: 'If I wasn't doing it, I wouldn't mind being a spectator this season' Photograph: Empics hauled his mental approach.

Murdoch 'could pull the plug'

widely held belief is that this could prove the most open contest for years, another that Damon Hill has it on a plate. The British driver may be forgiven for thinking he cannot win, but no matter bow studiously he plays down the issue, he knows he has 10.

Anything short of the Formula One world championship this year could end his dream of the title for ever.

Over the past two seasons, Hill has endeavoured to show not only that he is a match for Michael Schumacher, but also that he is worthy of entering the same arena. He has waged his campaign against a backdrop of doubts that he has the talent and the mental durability. Worse still for the 35-year-old, many of those doubts have been raised within his own camp.

And so we arrive at the starting line for a new season - in Melbourne on Sunday - with Hill apparently confronting two possible routes; one to the championship, the other to the sack.

It has to be said that if this genuinely is the case, then Williams-Renault were perhaps irresponsible in entrusting him with what amounts to their main prospect of success. They do, after all, bave the best car and may feel they ought to have had the drivers' championship in each of the past two years. Such a team should have absolute faith in their driver.

They were not, however, prepared to meet Schumacher's financial demands for this year and whatever their interest in Jean Alesi, Gerbard Berger, Heinz-Harald Frentzen or anyone else, they kept Hill and re-placed David Coulthard with the IndyCar champion, Jacques Villeneuve.

Hill has done his best to bury the theory of his "make or break" season heneath the mount of conjecture which habimally accompanies every facet of this cloistered environment. Williams, for their part, have done their utmost to present a united front. For every mistimed tackle

and wayward pass by Hill. Williams have been guilty of naive tactics and sloppy team-work. Both have publicly ac-knowledged their failings and resolved to remedy them.

Hill's personal preparations have been meticulous. He bas driven impressively in winter testing, trained diligently and, possibly most importantly, over-

For a start, he takes the view he has not been an abject lailure so far. "Yes, I want to improve myself because I didn't win the championship last year and that has made me more determined to win it this time," he said.

"But last year was not a total disaster. I proved myself to be a contender for the championship for the second year running. I have the best record. in wins and poles to starts ravos, of anyone competing in Formula One."

His current multi-million pound contract and his new home - overlooking Killiney Bay in the Republic of Ireland - also serve to put his "failure"

into perspective. Even before last season had finished, Hill was bemoaning the fact he had not been assured No 1 status over Villeneuve, which he felt yielded the advantage to Schumacher, the undisputed senior driver at Benetton-Renault then and

#### TOMORROW

Damon Hill begins a series of anicles for the Independent by looking ahead to the 1996 championship campaign. The Williams driver will be giving his verdict on each grand prix throughout the season.

The retuned, positive Hill said: "I'm confident in myself that I can win grands prix this season, but there's going to he competition. There's no way round that. Jacques is, I think, going to be a very good ingre-dient for the team. He's a good personality, be's quick, and he's going to make an impression, no question about it. He may well have the best first season of anyone in Formula One.

"But I've got more experience of Formula One, which I think I can put to good use. This is my fourth season and I can hopefully put it all together to really bring out the best in myself."

How, though, will he cope with Schumacher? It is possible he will not have to, such have been the pre-season problems at Ferrari. But Hill maintains he will not allow himself to be drawn into verhal sparring this season and is not ahout to drop his guard.

"I'm going to concentrate on myself from now on," Hill said. "But I find it hard to believe over Villeneuve. The reality Michael and Ferrari won't be a cannot be ignored: This is the serious threat. The investment Englishman's best and possibly they've made is stupendous and

the personnel they've gathered will provide them with all the information they need for an extremely competitive operation. Hill has declared peace with Schumacher and everyone else. Most significantly, he appears

to be at peace with himself. He is, though, anxious for the kind of flying start that pro-pelled Britain's last champion, Nigel Mansell, also in a Williams, towards his goal four years ago. It would firmly establish his rank in the team and give him breathing space hefore Schumacher and Villeneuve built their expected momentum

later in the season. The more immediate and sustained threat could come from Jean Alesi or Gerhard Berger, the new Benetton pair. Mika Hakkinen's form in testing for McLaren-Mcrcedes suggests he, too, may be quickly out of the blocks.

"Benetion are going to be hard to beat and I think it will be a very broad contest," Hill said, "I don't envisage a domination by any one individual. The regulations, in reducing the opportunity for a huge performance advantage for any one team, have closed up the competition.

"We saw some fantastic, in credibly close racing last year and that's what people want to see. If people don't turn on the goggle-box then Formula One racing is going to fizzle out and I'm going to be out of a job. We are there to show off our skills. If I wasn't doing it, I wouldn't mind being a spectator this season."

But then he is doing it and, as most of the sport's followers are saving, he has to do it this time.
"Well, I'm nothing if not re-

silient," he said, "It's taken me I don't know how many years to get in to Formula One, and in the past three years I've finished third, second, second. There's also a new resolve within the team, a real togetherness. "We are much better pre-

pared as a team and L as an individual, am much better prepared. It's mental as well as physical. They go hand in glove. Of course the championship is my goal. But you can't promise any more than to try to do your best." Whether his best will be good

enough depends on the reliahility of the Ferrari, the ability of Benetion to rise to the challenge of life without Schumacher, and Hill's authority last chance.

#### **Heath returns to take** charge at Turf Moor

Adrian Heath became the manager of Burnley yesterday - just three months after leaving Turf Moor, writes Guy Hodgson. The 35-year-old former Everton striker succeeds Jimmy Mullen, who resigned last month after crowd demonstrations and a hate campaign.

Heath, who had been assistant manager under Howard Kendall at Sheffield United, said: "I have never known a town to have so much affection for its club. The expectations are high and the potential is enormous.

Oldham have signed Shef-field United's midfield player John Gannon on a free transfer, while Sunderland are willing to listen to offers for striker Brett Angell, who cost £600,000 from Everton last season.

Luddersfield are poised to complete the £150,000 signing of the Crewe striker Rob Edwards. The 26-year-old, who has scored 21 goals for the Alex this season, is only on a week-to-week contract, baving turned down a longer deal.

Sheffield Wednesday's full back Ian Nolan could be out for the rest of the season after injuring knee ligaments in the 3-2 defeat at Aston Villa. A knee injury has also robbed Aberdeen of their captain, Stewart McKimmie, for tomorrow's Scottish Cup quarter-final with Airdrie at Pittodrie.

Roy Hodgson, the Englishborn coach of Internazionale, has been banned from the touchline for Sunday's Milan derby after insulting a referee during last weekend's match against Lazio. He was also fined £1,200.

The Euro 96 organisers yesterday released another 7,000 seats for the European Championship match between England and the Netherlands at Wemhley on 18 June, while Scotland's allocation for their match with England three days earlier has risen from 7,000 to 8,100. The news coincided with the selling of the millionth ticket, which means 80 per cent of all seats have been bought three months in advance of the event. DAVE HADFIELD

The Rngby League bas admitted for the first time that Ru-pert Murdoch could scrap his contract with them if he fails to get the go-ahead for Super League in Australia.

That confirmation of fears surrounding the future of the game came in court in Sydney, where a lawyer representing the British League said that the plug could be pulled on Super

League in Europe.
Alec Shand QC said that part of the agreement with Murdoch's News Corporation revolved around World Club Challenge matches between the top four Super League teams in Europe and Australia at the end of the season.

Shand, tabling an affidavit from European Super League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, said that, if Super League was unable to get off the ground in Australia, those matches could not be played, thus giving News Corporation

tract.

That is a stunning admission that events in Australia pose a direct threat to the game bere, something Lindsay has consistently denied. League sources vesterday tried to explain the admission away as courtroom histrionics.

Shand said that, without Murdoch's £87m, the state of the game in Britain was "parlous" and that half the coun-

grounds to scrap their con- try's clubs could face extinc- the British League to run Super

Lindsay has condemned the Australian Rugby League's efforts to have Super League banned worldwide - although it is not clear what jurisdiction an Australian court could bave over the start of the competition here, which is due three weeks

today. The ARL's chairman, Ken Artburson, had earlier dismissed proposals submitted by

League in Australia. The League, he said, "could

not promote blanket sales in "Just look at their record. In 100 years, the English Rugby League has succeeded in expanding the game no further than its origins in Yorkshire and Lancashire."

Judge Burchen's rulings on submissions by both sides are

expected today.

winger, will play his first match since last May when he appears

writes Dave Hadfield. Hunte bas had a complete played just one A team game

since winning his long battle for finess.

Hunte's comeback heartens the Saints Alan Hunte, the Great Britain I don't believe it is a risk, or I wouldn't have put him in."

Hunte, the leading try-scorin St Helens' Silk Cut er at Saints for five of his six Challenge Cup semi-final seasons there, said: "It's a big against Widnes tomorrow, match to come back in, but I'm confident about the knee.' He replaces Joey Hayes, who knee reconstruction and has failed a fitness test on a hamstring injury yesterday morning. Widnes have also gambled

"If Alan was a forward, it on proven class and experiwould be a risk," Saints' coach, ence, naming both the Hulme Shaun McRae, said. "As it is, bothers in their line-up.

Paul Hulme, who has not played since bruising bis ribs six weeks ago, has been included in the second row, while David Hulme, out for even longer with a head injury.

is one of the two substitutes.

The Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, says that both the Hunt brothers feel fit enough to play in the semi-final at Wigan's Central Park, where their experience of hig matches will he of immeasurable

#### **Smith and Charles** turn to calculator

STUART ALEXANDER

The fight between Lawrie Smith and Glyn Charles for the Star class place in Britain's Olympic team turned into a matter of mathematics after the third race of the Bacardi Cup in

Miami yesterday. Charles was 54th and Smith 55th as the previously strong winds turned light, but both will discard those scores as their worst result. That means, in turn, they will now have to count the least damaging of the worst two scores they had previously discarded when eight races, two in this regatta and six in January, had been completed.

So while Charles had apparently increased his lead by one place, in fact he will now bave to count a previous 23rd place. Smith a previous 18th. That means Smith gains a net four points and reduces Charles' lead from 13 place points to nine.

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With a possible three races to go. Smith needs to post a score. on average, five points better than Charles in each race to secure the place in Savannah. Three firsts from three starts

made Brazil's Claudio Cardoso master of the testing conditions off Dubai vesterday and set him up as favourite to take the gold medal in the Hobie Cat 16 World Championships. With the fleet cut down from 300 to a final 56, there should be just three races today to gave Cardoso a prize that has been so close to his grasp but has always eluded him.

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Gabi Godwin, who last Saturday made her National League debut for Otton as they won the Second Division title and they won the Second Division date and a day later featured in Otton's 4-0 cup victory over Browbourne, yesterday scored the first goal for King Edward VI School, Birmingham, who beat Brack-pool's Arnold School 1-0 on their way to winning the British Aerospace Under-16 championshap at the national stadium in Milton Reynes; Dame Alco Happy O Bradbord Gris Grammar 2 Dr Droitones High 1 Jack Hunt O Bane Alco Happy O Bradbord Gris Grammar 1 Dean Case 1; Jack Hunt O Dame Alco Happy 2 Dean Cose 1 Dr Christones High 1; Jack Hunt 1 Bradbord Gris Grammar (C Barne Alco Happy O Dean Cose 0; Bradbord Gris Grammar (C Barne Alco Happy O Dean Cose 0; Bradbord Gris Grammar 1 Or Onatones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1 Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1; Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1; Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1; Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1; Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Cose 1 Jack Hunt 1; Dr Chellones High 1; Dean Alco Happy, Bedford.

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"The first time was the biggest fight in the world. No fight can touch it Joe Frazier tells Ken Jones how he beat Muhammad Ali

# England must counter early barrage

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Karachi

If you bad asked Michael Ather-ton before start of this World Cup which of the Test-playing nations he would prefer to meet in the quarter-finals, his answer, without question, would have been Sri Lanka. Ask him that question today, and it would probahly he anyone hut.

the cup, but so far Sri Lanka to have a habit of backfiring on have not so much beaten opponents as marmalised them. rewriting the record hooks as they smite their way towards Faisalahad and tomorrow's

match against England.
In the space of two weeks. Arjuna Ranatunga's team have become the most feared batting side in the tournament, swatting away fancied India as if it were a pesky mosquito, and generally treating opening bowlers with savage distegard.

Poor old England. Even They say you have to beat all the best sides if you want to win wishes are granted, they seem

come up against the form side of the tournament, they may have to do without Dominic Cork, the one England bowler capable of taking vital early wickers with the new hall.

Cork, whose chances are rated hy Ray Illingworth as no more than "50-50," is still having treatment on his troublesome knee and will undertake two howling sessions today, in a bid to assess his fitness.

If Cork does not play, a three seamer attack plus two front-line spinners is the most likely option.

though having Dermot Reeve as one of the three scamers may be a risk Atherton will not take, and it may be down to Graeme Hick mesh Kaluwitharana, have been to fulfil one of the spinning roles to accommodate him.

"It is vital we get it right against these boys in the first eight to 10 overs, so he has to be guaranteed 100 per cent fit," said Illingworth, sitting by the team hotel's pool in Karachi before yesterday's flight to Faisalabad – clearly overlooking the fact that Cork has not been all that fit since the recent

tour of South Africa. Illingworth is right, though. Sri Lanka's carly-order dashers, the left-hander Sanath Jayasuriya and right-handed Rocrucial to their electric starts, posting scores well over a hun-

dred from the first 15 overs. However, if the frenetic hitting poses a problem, another stems from the large amount of left-handers - four of the top six - and, in particular, the extra room bowlers seem to give them outside the off-stump. Room that allows them to gain leverage and a full swing of the bat, two components crucial to

proven. Either you gamble and try and lake wickets by attacking, or you bowl negatively (leg-stump yorkers) to a well

thought-out field: Either way you need to be flexible, a point also stressed by Illingworth. "There is no doubt we've got to bowl very straight," he said. We may even bowl an off-spinner in the first 15 overs. But if it doesn't go just right, we've got to be flexible enough to change and the bowlers will have to be ready to bowl at a moment's notice." It could even

off-spin in the nets and even occasionally for Derbyshire.

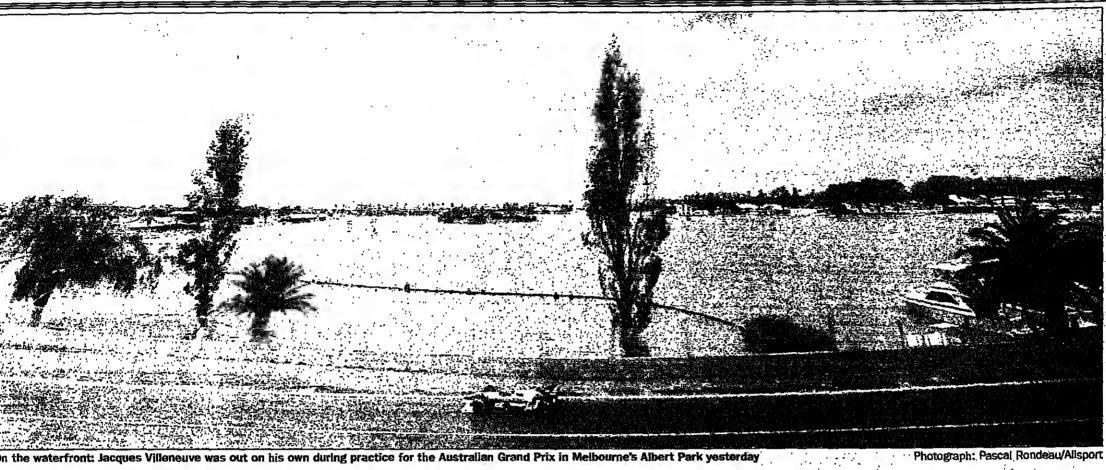
Clearly, with maybe no one to call upon to give England a breakthrough with the hall, someone will have to come off with the bat. "One-day cricket," Illingworth claims, "is all about your star performers playing well on the day. If Lara or Tendulkar get a hundred, their team wins. If Hick gets one for us, we'll bopefully win too."
Yet in spite of the dainting

form book, England have rea-

The ways of countering this kind of onslaught are largely unasked to send down some turn-ers - apparently he has bowled match-winning bowlers, and the winners take all situation of the knock-out stage may well niggle away at the bravado of their batsmen After all, they have had two walkover victories to helper

boost their modus operandi. There is no doubt that, by reating the start of an inning "death", Sri Lanka have turne the conventions of one-d cricket on its head. Tomorg just for the day, it is up to his land to stand upright again.

Battle of peacocks, page is



# Villeneuve powers in to signal danger for Hill

**Motor racing** 

DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Melbourne

Jacques Villeneuve yesterday landed the first blows in what promises to be an ongoing psy-chological war with his Williams team-mate Damon Hill, when ne emerged a comfortable official testing for Sunday's

oozed confidence as he lapped a full second quicker than his more experienced partner. Benetton's Jean Alesi was third, ahead of Michael Schumacher and the relatively inexperienced bul impressive Jos Verstappen

in the Footwork. Schumacher had a frustrating day in the radical new Ferrari. fastest after the first day of un- the day's fourth fastest time but could manage only ninth in the afternoon session - behind his The 25-year-old Canadian team-mate Eddie Irvine.

expected that we are struggling, as our car was later appearing than most of our rivals. We must be patient, and work bard."

Though Villeneuve's performance got his Formula One career off to a brilliant start, the and therefore greater speeds, as the weckend progresses. "Jacques did an excellent job today," said Williams designer local protesters, who remain

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Schumacher said: "It is to be Adrian Newey, "But Damon didn't really get a good crack at it. Don't write him off."

Villeneuve's immediate pace, bowever, will be the last thing Hill wants to see in the year in which he is favourite for his first world championship. It signals trouble controversial track that runs ahead. "I was not expecting to around Melbourne's Albert be up there with such an ad-Park will offer greater grip, vantage, Villeneuve said. It is a surprise, but it feels great."

Though the circuit continues to prove highly unpopular with

a demonstration on Sunday, It met with universal praise from the drivers. "It is a fun track." Hill said. "It is actually much better now, having driven on it. than I thought it was going to

Martin Brundle, 14th fastest in ments over insurance clauses. a Jordan, agreed: "It's good fun. This is traditionally the time of and quick. It's a bit bumpy in need to be careful not to lock up the wheels, but it flows well. Bernie Ecclestone, the FIA's
"There are four places to vice president of marketing.

steadfast in their plans to stage overtake, with a fifth if you're really brave - or desperate!" The only cloud over Williams'

day was the news that they are into line by this morning. the only team yet to agree to the terms of the super-licences issued by the governing body, the FIA, following prolonged disagreeyear when drivers and governing body clash over such matters but by the end of the day Bernie Ecclestone, the FIA's

had stepped in to smooth over the situation, and Hill and Villeneuve were expected to fall

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#### Rules on imports relaxed

Football

GUY HODGSON

Football's transfer system. which has been in a state of flux since the Bosman verdict, changed again yesterday when the Department of Education and Employment relaxed rules concerning work permits for non-European Union players. Allowing Ilie Dumitrescu and

Marc Hottiger to join West Ham and Everton respectively, a revised criteria for foreign international footballers was announced, allowing them one. transfer to a new club regardless of the number of first-team ap pearances for their previous club. Cheryl Gillan, the Educa-tion and Employment Minister, said the decision, which followed

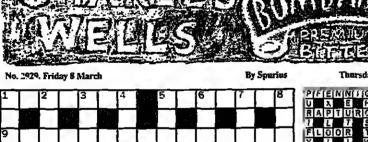
consultation with the Football Association, Football League, Premier League and the Scot-ish FA was "good news for four-ball". She explained: "We have recognised it is important to allow British clubs to benefit from the contribution which top-class. internationals can make while still ensuring that opportunities for young players from this country to break into top-flight football are not stifled."

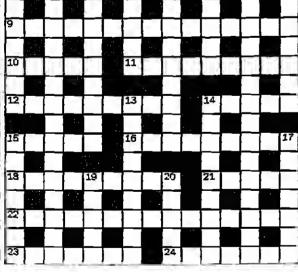
Romania's Dumitrescu moved to West Ham from Toltenham nearly a month ago for £1.5m but his application for a new British work permit was refused because he had played fewer than 75 per cent of firstteam matches for Spurs since his arrival in England. A similar situation delayed Switzerland's Hottiger joining Everton from Newcastle in a £750,000 deal.

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# Roe reveals that he was close to suicide

Golf

TIM GLOVER reports from Rabat

Mark Roe, who has a reputation as an extrovert on the European Tour, yesterday revealed that he came close to committing suicide following the break-up of his marriage. He sat in the loft of his home and placed a shotgun in his mouth. "I'd got to the point where I didn't want to live any more." Roe said.

He released the safety catch on the gun and spent five minutes with his finger on the trig-ger before deciding that "this was pathetic". Roe's 16-year relationship with his wife, Jane, ended in divorce after he had met Julia Morris, an employee of the International Management Group. "Everybody is different," Roe said. "Barry Lane, Nick Faldo and David Feherty were involved in marriage break-ups yet Barry had the best season of his life. If somebody had ever suggested that I would think of taking my own life I'd

have laughed at them." Roe, 34, from Sheffield, said

he was making a fresh start and

wanted to get the story off his chest. "I've always been a very emotional person who wears his heart on his sleeve. I'm rebuilding my life. I'm still putting the jigsaw together." Roe, who has moved into a cottage in Castleton in Derbyshire with Ms Morris, has won £1.3m in a successful career on the European Tour. Last season he slumped from ninth to 126th but finished 13th in the US Open - the leading European - and earned a place in the Masters at Augusta National next month. He was fined £2,000 last summer for unprofessional conduct when, at a tournament in Sweden, he knocked a six-inch putt 20 yards off the green during a round of 94. He was also fined for pouring a bowl of spaghetti over the

head of fellow professional Russell Claydon at a Paris restaurant.

the first round of the Moroccan Open but he was not in a frame of mind to telephone the Samaritans. "If I'd scored that 12 months ago I'd have gone home." Roe said. "I'm going to stay out here and work on my

game." He added that he has disposed of the gun.-Meanwhile, Europe's Ryder Cup captain found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time. Most people were think-ing about cleaning their teeth when Seve Ballesteros teed off at 7.45am. The Comeback drew a gallery of three people and they were rewarded with a

round of 78, six over par. "I don't want to talk about my swing any more," Ballesteros said. "I was hitting it all over the place. It's the same story all over again." When Ballesteros, fresh from a five-month sabbatical, entered the Moroccan Open the event was scheduled for Agadir. It was switched to the Royal Dar es Salaam here after Agadir took more rain than Manchester when Old Trafford is about to host a Test match.

The trouble is that Dar es Salaam, which was designed by the American Robert Trent Jones, is no place for those who are seeking recuperation. At 7,362 yards it is a long slog and, with cork trees lining the fairways, accuracy, as well as length,



is of paramount importance. Ballesteros was short and wayward. "I hit only five greens in regulation," be said. "I've no confidence at all."

Ballesteros, who had a solitary birdie, will have to find something today if he is to stand a chance of making the half-way cut. For inspiration he could do chameleon-like performance of the Frenchman Marc Farry. When it comes to lacking confidence, nobody was lower than Farry. He missed the first four cuts of the season and was disqualified in Durban where he failed to receive a wake-up call and missed his tee time.

So far this year his expenditure is £8,000, income zero and the re-sult, as Mr Micawber would have observed, is misery. "It's been a nightmare," Farry said. "I can't stand the heat so I suffered in Singapore. Australia and South Africa but I had to take the gamble of playing in Morocco to try and make some money." In a practice round on

Wednesday his game was awful. "I was duck-hooking everywas defined shots so I worked for a couple of hours on my swing." Yesterday he shot 69, one stroke off the lead held by the Swede Peter Hedblom, Far ry, though, remains uncon-vinced that having turned into a prince one day, he will not reappear as a frog the next. "I don't know if my swing will hold UP Under pressure," he said.
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